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CINCINNATI BENGALS (7-6)

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AT EMPOWER FIELD AT MILE HIGH

AT

DENVER BRONCOS (7-6)

UP NEXT:

DEC. 26 VS. BALTIMORE

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 4:05 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air nationally on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Ian Eagle (play-by-play), Charles Davis (analyst) and Evan Washburn (sideline reporter).

Radio: The game will air on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Bengals hit the road this week to face the Denver Broncos, in a game that carries significant playoff implications. Cincinnati and Denver are among five AFC teams with a 7-6 record, but due to tiebreakers both currently sit just outside the playoff picture. The Bengals also will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak, after falling 26-23 in overtime to the San Francisco 49ers last week.

"It's a tough feeling, especially in December," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "I told the guys that's a really good football team, and one that very well could find themselves in the mix in their side of the conference. They've been there and done that, and we want to be there and do that too. We're going to be playing a lot of these types of games coming up."

The Bengals trailed 17-6 at halftime due to a wave of costly mistakes. In the first half alone, the Bengals muffed two punts — the 49ers recovered both and turned them into 10 points — had a 37-yard TD catch overturned by replay, and committed a taunting penalty after a third-down stop on defense that resulted in a first down for the 49ers, who scored a TD on the next play.

"We've just got to be smart," Taylor said. "We lost two possessions on those two fumbled punts, and I think we had a couple three-and-outs. And then we had the two possessions where we scored just six points. So we didn't score enough."

"The turnovers really have been what's hurt our consistency. We've been stressing to our guys that we've got to protect the football. And that's everyone, because everybody's been involved in that."

Cincinnati trailed 20-6 after three quarters, before the offense finally came to life. Led by QB Joe Burrow, who posted 161 passing yards, two TDs and a 151.0 passer rating in the fourth quarter, the Bengals staged a dramatic comeback and tied the game late.

Both of Burrow's TDs went to rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, whose 10 receiving TDs this season are the most-ever by a Bengals rookie (see "Chase gathering Bengals rookie records" on page 6). The first TD came on a fourth-and-five from the 49ers' 17-yard line. Burrow scrambled left, and then right, and while on the move fired a pass behind Chase — anticipating that he would turn around — while Chase was moving in the opposite direction. Chase did indeed turn around, tip-toed along the end line and made the catch.

"That was one of my favorite touchdowns that we've thrown," Burrow said. "That was such a great play by him. Ja'Marr loves catching touchdowns and is great in the scramble drill. I started rolling out left and then reversed field, and he did a great job of adjusting to the ball in the air. That's one you really have to be on the same page almost immediately, and it worked."

Added Chase: "It was a scramble drill. I was running to the left — and while I was still running left, he threw it to the right. I wasn't sure why he did that, but then he said it was because of the way the defender would have to turn his hips

in order to get to the ball. And I thought, 'That's kind of smart.' That was a really good play by him."

The second Burrow-to-Chase TD was a 32-yarder down the right sideline with just 1:25 remaining, and it knotted the game at 20.

"I had to make sure I sold the slant route," Chase said of the play. "We called that play early in the series, so this time I had to sell the slant. The guy played off. I thought they were going to be in 'quarters' coverage, but on both of the touchdowns they ended up not being in quarters. So I just took advantage of the defender, and I made the route."

The 49ers, though, had two time outs remaining and drove 50 yards in 10 plays to set up a potential game-winning FG from 47 yards. But K Robbie Gould's kick sailed wide right, and the game headed to Cincinnati's third OT contest of the season, which tied the 2013 Bengals for the most in team history.

The Bengals reached the 49ers' 26-yard line a little more than a minute into OT, thanks to a pair of 20-plus yard passes to WR Tee Higgins and TE C.J. Uzomah. Higgins had 114 receiving yards on the day, and enters this Sunday's game at Denver with three consecutive games over 100 receiving yards (see "Tee goes 3 x 100" on page 6).

But after two short runs by HB Joe Mixon, Burrow was sacked on third and three by his friend and former college teammate, 49ers DE Nick Bosa. Cincinnati was forced to settle for a FG.

Asked after the game if he should have stuck with Burrow and the passing game deep in 49ers territory, Taylor was transparent: "You know ... Yep. Yep. I agree with you. That's one that will keep you up at night. We have a quarterback that can win us a lot of games, and there's maybe one more pass instead of a run there. Sure, if we hit that run, I feel great about it. But we didn't. And so then you go back to hindsight, and I'm sure I'll feel a lot of that tonight."

San Francisco drove 75 yards in 12 plays on the ensuing possession, and capped it with a 12-yard TD pass to WR Brandon Aiyuk that secured the win.

"We got some good stops throughout the day, but obviously not enough to win the game," said DE Sam Hubbard. "That drive at the end, you've got to stop them there and we didn't. It's really disappointing, because we felt like we were going to win that game."

Cincinnati played its final defensive drive in OT without three of its top defenders — DE Trey Hendrickson, CB Chidobe Awuzie and LB Logan Wilson. The availability of those three players figures to be a critical factor this week at Denver, however their statuses are currently unknown. Hendrickson, the Bengals' leader in sacks (12.5) who earlier in the contest recorded a sack for the ninth consecutive game (see "Hendrickson's sack streak at nine" on page 7), left in the second quarter with a back injury. Awuzie, the Bengals' top corner, entered the game listed as questionable with a foot injury and played 58 snaps before ultimately coming out in the fourth quarter. And Wilson, the team leader in both tackles (90) and INTs (four), missed the game altogether with a shoulder injury he suffered on Dec. 5 against the Chargers.

"This is December," Taylor said. "We put ourselves in position for these games to mean something, and it's going to be this style of football the next four weeks — and definitely at Denver. We've got to be ready for it."

The series: Denver leads the all-time series 22-10 overall and 13-3 as the home team.

Cincinnati won the last meeting at Denver, a 20-17 victory at Sports Authority Field at Mile High in 2017. That win snapped a 10-game Bengals losing streak in Denver, where they had not won since 1975. The Broncos won the last meeting at Paul Brown Stadium, 24-10 in 2018.

(The series, continued)

There are no postseason meetings between the two teams. A complete recap of the Bengals-Broncos series can be found on page 194 of the Bengals' 2021 media guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — **MOST POINTS:** 38, in a 38-21 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1981. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 17, in the 38-21 win in '81. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7, in a 17-7 victory at Cincinnati in 1976.

Broncos — **MOST POINTS:** 45, in a 45-14 victory at Mile High Stadium in 1991. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 31, in the 45-14 win in '91. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0, in a 10-0 victory at Mile High Stadium in 1979.

The last meetings: Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Broncos meetings — in 2017 at Denver, and in '18 at Cincinnati — are on page 16 of this news release.

BENGALS-BRONCOS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	BRONCOS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	7th (27.2)	20th (21.1)
Points allowed	T-17th (22.5)	2nd (17.5)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	14th (358.8)	19th (345.0)
Rushing	19th (108.7)	11th (123.1)
Passing	11th (250.1)	19th (221.9)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	17th (349.8)	7th (324.8)
Rushing	4th (93.1)	10th (106.2)
Passing	29th (250.1)	10th (218.6)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-23rd (minus-4)	T-14th (plus-1)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 38	Inside-20 possessions: 41
Total scores: 33 (86.8%)	Total scores: 36 (87.8%)
TDs: 24 (63.2%)	TDs: 24 (58.5%)
FGs: 9 (23.7%)	FGs: 12 (29.3%)
TD% rank: 8th	TD% rank: 16th
No scores: 5 (13.2%)	No scores: 5 (12.2%)

BRONCOS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 45	Inside-20 possessions: 29
Total scores: 37 (82.2%)	Total scores: 22 (75.9%)
TDs: 26 (57.8%)	TDs: 15 (51.7%)
FGs: 11 (24.4%)	FGs: 7 (24.1%)
TD% rank: 19th	TD% rank: 8th
No scores: 8 (17.8%)	No scores: 7 (24.1%)

Bengals career records watch: Here's a look at potential upcoming movement in the team's career records book (regular-season):

- Bengals P Kevin Huber has played in 203 career Bengals games, three shy of LB Reggie Williams (206) for second place all-time. CB Ken Riley (207) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in Game 3 at Pittsburgh.

- Bengals LS Clark Harris has played in 197 career Bengals games, six shy of Huber (203) for third place all-time. Harris passed OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place all-time in Game 2 at Chicago, and then he passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville and QB Ken Anderson (192) for fourth in Game 9 vs. Cleveland.

Records vs. Broncos: Records from past Bengals-Broncos games include:

- HB Corey Dillon rushed for a Bengals-record 278 yards vs. Denver on Oct. 22, 2000, at Paul Brown Stadium. The total at the time was the NFL record, breaking a mark of 275 by Chicago's Walter Payton which had stood since 1977. Dillon's 278 total now stands fourth in NFL annals. The record is now 296, posted by Minnesota's Adrian Peterson in 2007 vs. San Diego. Dillon had no

receiving yards in the Oct. 22, 2000 contest, but his 278 rushing total also stands as the Bengals record for most yards from scrimmage in a game.

- The Bengals had 407 total rushing yards in the 2000 win over Denver. That is the Cincinnati team record, and it stands as the most rushing yards in a game by an NFL team in the last 71 years. The last team to top 407 was the 1950 N.Y. Giants, who gained 423 against Baltimore. The 407 total ranks fifth all-time in the NFL for rushing yards by a team.

- Denver's Trindon Holliday had a 105-yard kickoff return vs. Cincinnati in 2012, tying for the longest play ever against the Bengals. Miami's Mercury Morris had a 105-yard KOR against the Bengals in 1969.

- On Oct. 19, 1969 at Nippert Stadium, the Broncos posted 10 sacks against the Bengals, which is tied for most ever allowed by Cincinnati in a game.

- On Oct. 6, 1968 at Denver, Bill Van Heusen of the Broncos punted 12 times for 532 yards, marking the most punts by a Bengals opponent in team history. That record was later tied by Steelers P Josh Miller, who recorded 12 punts for 526 yards on Oct. 15, 2000 at Pittsburgh.

Individually vs. Broncos: Here is a look at offensive statistics for current Bengals against Denver (ordered by total games played):

- TE C.J. Uzomah: Four games; Seven receptions for 64 yards (9.1).
- WR Tyler Boyd: Three games; 10 receptions for 120 yards (12.0).
- HB Joe Mixon: Two games; 32 rushes for 131 yards (4.1); Four receptions for 13 yards (3.3).

Broncos represent noteworthy firsts: The Broncos have been involved in several "firsts" for the Bengals, including the following three notable events:

- The first road game of any kind in Bengals history was a preseason contest on Aug. 10, 1968 at Denver. The Broncos beat Cincinnati 15-13 at Bears Stadium, Denver's minor league baseball park (later renamed Mile High Stadium). It was the second preseason game in Bengals history, following an opener at home against Kansas City.

- The first regular-season home game and first regular-season victory for the Bengals franchise was a 24-10 decision over Denver on Sept. 15, 1968 at Nippert Stadium on the campus of the University of Cincinnati.

- The Bengals' 2004 win over Denver marked the first visit of Monday Night Football to Paul Brown Stadium.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and black pants (orange stripes) this week at Denver. The team over the offseason unveiled new uniforms, marking Cincinnati's first significant uniform redesign since 2004.

There are three different color options for the new jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants also feature three different options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, and white with black stripes. The team's iconic striped helmet was unchanged.

Here are the possible combinations for the Bengals' new uniforms (this table does not consider the additional possible options of the three sock colors of black, orange and white):

JERSEY	PANTS/STRIPE	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black/Orange	0-1-0	0.000
Black	White/Orange	0-2-0	0.000
Black	White/Black	0-1-0	0.000
White	Black/Orange	2-1-0	.667
White	White/Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White/Black	3-1-0	.750
Orange	Black/Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Orange	White/Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Orange	White/Black	0-0-0	—

* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. As in years past, orange will serve as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform, and no longer has a color rush uniform.

Bengals-Broncos connections: Broncos DL DeShawn Williams originally was college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2015, and was with Cincinnati through '16 ... Bengals CB Chidobe Awuzie and DT Josh Tupou both played at the University of Colorado ... Broncos RB Mike Boone played at the University of Cincinnati ... Bengals QB Brandon Allen was with the Broncos in 2019 ... Broncos QB Teddy Bridgewater played at the University of Louisville ... Broncos OLB Aaron Patrick is from Dayton, Ohio (Meadowdale High

School) and played at Eastern Kentucky University ... Broncos OLB Jonathon Cooper, ILB Baron Browning and DE Dre'Mont Jones all played at Ohio State University; Cooper is from Gahanna, Ohio (Lincoln High School) ... Bengals LB Logan Wilson is from Casper, Wyo. and played at the University of Wyoming ... Broncos ILB Jonas Griffith is from Louisville, Ky. (The Academy at Shawnee) ... Bengals LB Austin Calitro (practice squad) was with the Broncos in 2020 ... Broncos ILB Avery Williamson (practice squad) played at the University of Kentucky ... Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan was on the Broncos'

coaching staff from 2010-15 ... Broncos defensive line coach Bill Kollar played for the Bengals from 1974-76 ... Bengals tight ends coach James Casey played for the Broncos in 2015 ... Bengals wide receivers coach Troy Walters coached at the University of Colorado from 2013-15 ... Broncos wide receivers coach Zach Azzanni coached at Bowling Green State University from 2001-06, and at the University of Kentucky in '11 ... Broncos assistant to head coach/defensive quality control coach Mike Hiestand coached at Miami (Ohio) University from 2012-13 ... Broncos special teams coordinator Tom McMahon coached at the University of Louisville in 2006 ... Broncos offensive quality control coach Justin Rascati coached at the University of Louisville from 2002-03.

THE HEAD COACHES

Zac Taylor was named the 10th head coach in Cincinnati Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019.

In 2019, his first season as head coach, Taylor headed off a wave of early season injuries to lead Cincinnati to second-half turnarounds on both offense and defense. Offensively, the Bengals' per-game rushing average jumped 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1), while their per-attempt average jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) and they allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19). The team's top four WRs — Tyler Boyd, Alex Erickson, Auden Tate and John Ross III — all posted career-highs in both receptions and receiving yards. Defensively, Cincinnati notched 11 more sacks in the second half of the season compared to the first, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game. The team finished 2-14 that season.

In 2020, Taylor helped transition QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, to the pro level despite the absence of an in-person offseason program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taylor helped Burrow to one of the most productive starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, before a knee injury ended the rookie's season after 10 games. Still, Burrow's 264 completions were the most ever by an NFL QB through their first 10 career games, while his 404 pass attempts were second and his 2688 passing yards were fifth. Defensively, Taylor oversaw the onboarding of seven new starters, and helped Cincinnati hold opposing passers to just a 62.8 completion percentage (sixth-lowest in the NFL).

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category. Goff ranked fourth in the NFL in passing yards and eighth in passer rating. The Rams' QB play was a key component to their offense, which finished the regular season ranked second in the NFL in total net yards (421.1 per game), fifth in net passing yards (281.7), second in scoring (32.9), first in first downs (401) and fifth in third-down percentage (45.0). Los Angeles won the NFC West with a 13-3 regular-season record and advanced to Super Bowl LIII against the New England Patriots.

In 2017, Taylor helped oversee an emerging Rams passing offense that ranked 10th in the NFL in passing yards per game (239.4). Taylor directed a young Rams receiving corps headed by rookie Cooper Kupp, who finished the season with 62 catches, a team-high 869 receiving yards and five TDs.

Prior to his time with the Rams, Taylor had a one-year stint in the college ranks, serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Cincinnati in 2016. Taylor served under head coach Tommy Tuberville at UC.

Taylor broke into NFL coaching in 2012 with the Miami Dolphins as assistant quarterbacks coach. He was elevated to quarterbacks coach from 2013-15, and spent the final five games of '15 as the Dolphins' interim offensive coordinator and primary play-caller, after the team made coaching staff changes.

During his time in Miami, Taylor was instrumental in the development of QB Ryan Tannehill, the team's first-round draft pick in 2012.

Taylor's coaching career began at Texas A&M University, where he served as offensive graduate assistant and tight ends coach under head coach Mike Sherman from 2008-11. The Aggies shared the Big 12 South Championship in 2010 and played in three bowl games during Taylor's time in College Station.

As a player, Taylor began his college career at Wake Forest (2002-03), before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas ('04) and then playing his final two seasons ('05-06) at the University of Nebraska. Taylor had a decorated career with the Cornhuskers, setting numerous school records and passing for a combined 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3197 total yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

Taylor joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a college free agent in 2007, but he was waived prior to the start of training camp and never saw NFL action. Later that year, he joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League, where he spent one season (did not play).

His father, Sherwood, was a defensive back and captain at the University of Oklahoma, playing under Sooners head coach Barry Switzer from 1976-79. Sherwood Taylor later served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Kansas State University. Taylor's brother, Press, played quarterback at Marshall University and is currently senior offensive assistant for the Indianapolis Colts.

Taylor was born in Norman, Okla., on May 10, 1983. After attending Norman High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of Nebraska in 2006. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children — Brooks, Luke, Emma Claire and Milly. Sarah Taylor is the daughter of former Green Bay Packers and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman.

Vic Fangio was named the 17th head coach in Denver Broncos history on Jan. 10, 2019. Fangio is a 42-year coaching veteran with 34 seasons of NFL experience.

Prior to taking the Broncos' head coaching job, Fangio had been a defensive coordinator for 20 of the prior 24 seasons at the NFL or college level. He recently served as the Chicago Bears' defensive coordinator for four years (2015-18) after leading the defenses for the San Francisco 49ers ('11-14), Stanford University ('10), the Houston Texans ('02-05), Indianapolis Colts (1999-2001) and Carolina Panthers ('95-98). His defenses were consistently among the best in the NFL in several categories. They ranked in the league's top-five in yards allowed in eight of his last 12 years as a coordinator, while placing in the NFL's top-5 in fewest points allowed seven times over that span.

During his 34 years coaching in the NFL, Fangio's teams have reached the playoffs 14 times across six franchises. He also coached with the Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars of the USFL from 1984-85, along with the New Orleans Saints from '86-94 and the Baltimore Ravens from 2006-09.

Fangio attended East Stroudsburg State, and coached collegiately at North Carolina (1983) and Stanford (2010). He was born on Aug. 22, 1958 in Dunmore, Pa.. He has a son (Christian) and a daughter (Cassie).

Taylor vs. Broncos: No previous meetings.

Taylor vs. Fangio: No previous meetings.

Fangio vs. Bengals: No previous meetings.

BENGALS NOTES

At the top of the list: Here's a look at where the Bengals rank — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL.

TEAM

- First in fewest penalties incurred (52).
- First in fewest penalty yardage incurred (424).

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Fifth in yards per pass play (8.47).
- Seventh in points per game (27.2).
- Eighth in red-zone TD percentage (63.2).

JOE BURROW

- Second in yards per passing attempt (8.43).

- Fourth in completion percentage (68.8).
- Tied for fourth in passing plays of 40 or more yards (nine).
- Fifth in passing plays of 20 or more yards (47).
- Seventh in passer rating (100.6).
- Seventh in third-down passer rating (103.9).
- Eighth in TD passes (25).
- Eighth in passing yards (3483).

JOE MIXON

- First in rushing attempts (245).
- Second in rushing yardage (1036).
- Third in rushing TDs (12).

- Fourth in scoring — non-kickers (84).
- Seventh in yards from scrimmage (1238).
- Tied for ninth in first downs (61).

JA'MARR CHASE

- Tied for third in receiving TDs (10).
- Tied for fourth in receptions of 40 or more yards (six).
- Fifth in receiving yards (1035).
- Tied for eighth in receptions of 20 or more yards (15).
- Tied for ninth in scoring — non-kickers (60).

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Tied for second in sacks (37).
- Fourth in rushing yards allowed per game (93.1).
- Tied for sixth in fourth-down efficiency (42.9; six for 14).
- Seventh in fewest first downs allowed per game (19.4).

EVAN McPHERSON

- Tied for first in FGs of 50 or more yards (seven).
- Eighth in touchbacks on kickoffs (47).
- Tenth in points among kickers (100).

LOGAN WILSON

- Tied for eighth in INTs (four).

TREY HENDRICKSON

- Tied for fifth in sacks (12.5).

Bengals in Pro Bowl voting: Each week, the NFL releases information on fan voting for the Pro Bowl, including the top 10 vote-getters at each position. Fan voting, which runs through Dec. 16, counts one-third toward determining the final 88 selected Pro Bowlers (44 per conference). Players and coaches voting make up the other two thirds. Rosters will be announced on Monday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. on NFL Network, and the game will be held on Sunday, Feb. 6 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas (3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN and ABC).

Here's a look at the Bengals in the top 10 at their position in the fan vote for this year's Pro Bowl. Vote totals are according to NFL data released on Dec. 9.

PLAYER	POSITION	AFC RANK	NFL RANK
Ja'Marr Chase	WR	1	3
Trey Hendrickson	DE	2	3
Vonn Bell	SS	3	5
Hakeem Adeniji	G	3	4
Joe Mixon	RB	3	3
Joe Burrow	QB	5	10
Sam Hubbard	DE	6	9
Jessie Bates	FS	6	9

17-game pace updates: Several Bengals are on pace to approach team records by the end of this season. Here's a look at some of Cincinnati's top performers, and where their statistics project through 17 games.

• QB Joe Burrow: 284 of 413 for 3483 yards, 25 TDs and 14 INTs (100.6 rating). Burrow's pace projects to 371 completions, 540 attempts, 4554 yards, 32 TDs and 18 INTs. He's on track to challenge Carson Palmer's completions record (373 in 2007), Andy Dalton's passing yardage record (4293 in '13) and Dalton's passing TDs record (33 in '13).

• WR Ja'Marr Chase: 60 catches for 1035 yards and 10 TDs. Chase's pace projects to 78 catches, 1353 yards and 13 TDs. He could challenge WR Chad Johnson's receiving yardage record (1440 in 2007). He also could challenge Oilers WR Bill Groman's NFL rookie record for receiving yardage (1473 in 1960).

• HB Joe Mixon: 245 rushes for 1036 yards and 12 rushing TDs. He also has two receiving TDs, which give him 14 total TDs. Mixon's pace projects to 320 rushes, 1354 rushing yards, 15 rushing TDs and 18 total TDs. He could challenge RB Rudi Johnson's rushing yardage record (1458 in 2005), RB Ickey Woods' rushing TDs record (15 in 1988) and WR Carl Pickens' total TD record (17 in '95).

• DE Trey Hendrickson: 12.5 sacks. Hendrickson's pace projects to 16 sacks for a full season. He's unlikely to challenge DE Coy Bacon's 22 sacks in 1976, which the Bengals recognize as the team record. Sacks became an official statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked that stat back to '76. Cincinnati's record since 1982 is 13.5 sacks by DE Carlos Dunlap in 2015, and Hendrickson is just one sack shy of tying that mark.

Bengals great in "middle eight": Much has been made this season of the importance of the "middle eight," a stretch of a game that spans

the last four minutes of the first half and first four minutes of the second half. Among the people who have touted the importance of the "middle eight" have been former NFL GM Michael Lombardi and current Buccaneers QB Tom Brady.

"The 'middle eight' minutes of the game are so important to the overall outcome," Brady said earlier this year on ESPN's Monday Night Football broadcast with Peyton and Eli Manning. "Who wins the end of the first half and then the start of the third quarter? A lot of times when you defer and you get the ball on offense (to start the second half), you can create a 14-point swing without them ever touching the ball if you score before the half and then you score coming out in the third quarter. You definitely don't want to give the ball back to your opponents (at the end of the half). We always call it "the last shot" in basketball — you don't want to come down and throw up a three-pointer with 18 seconds left on the shot clock."

So how do the Bengals stack up during the "middle eight?" They're among the best in the NFL this season, and their plus-43 point differential equates to a 3.3-point per game edge in that time period.

Here's a look at the teams this season with the largest point differential in the time period spanning the last four minutes of the first half and first four minutes of the second half.

TEAM	POINT DIFFERENTIAL
L.A. Rams	+59
Cleveland Browns	+54
Cincinnati Bengals	+43
Indianapolis Colts	+39
San Francisco 49ers	+35

Bengals carry "Mo" into halftime ... : The Bengals this season have scored a combined 50 points in the last two minutes of the first half. That total is third among all NFL teams. When divided out among Cincinnati's 13 games, that's an average of 3.8 points per game in the last two minutes. The Bengals have gotten points (five TDs, five FGs) in the last two minutes of the first half in nine of their 13 games this season.

Here's a look at the NFL teams this season with the most points in the last two minutes before halftime:

TEAM	MOST POINTS IN TWO MINUTES BEFORE HALF
Cleveland Browns	58
San Francisco 49ers	57
Cincinnati Bengals	50
Indianapolis Colts	49
Green Bay Packers	48
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	48

... And come out firing after the break: Not only are the Bengals one of the NFL's top teams at scoring before halftime, they're also among the leaders in points scored (40) on the first possession of the second half. Cincinnati has come away with points on its first offensive possession of the second half in eight of its 13 games this season (four TDs, four FGs).

It should be noted that the Bengals have received the opening kickoff of the second half in nine of their 13 games this year, thanks in large part to a streak of luck that saw them win the opening coin toss in each of their first six games (see "Coin-toss roller coaster" on page 11). The Bengals deferred to the second half in each of those six games.

Here's a look at the teams this season with the most points scored on the first offensive possession of the second half:

TEAM	POINTS
Green Bay Packers	55
Tennessee Titans	48
L.A. Rams	47
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	42
Las Vegas Raiders	41
Baltimore Ravens	41
Cincinnati Bengals	40

Mixon's TD streak ends at nine: Bengals HB Joe Mixon this season put together a streak of nine consecutive games with at least one TD, which tied WR A.J. Green (nine in 2012) for the second-longest such streak in team history. Mixon's streak was broken when he was held out of the end zone on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco, and he fell one short of the team record of 10, set between the 1994 and '95 seasons by WR Carl Pickens.

Mixon scored 13 total TDs (11 rushing, two receiving) in his nine-game

streak, which lasted between Game 4 vs. Jacksonville and Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers.

Within his nine-game streak were two other streaks that tied or set team records. He scored a rushing TD in six straight contests (Games 7-12), tied for the longest such streak in team history (RB Rudi Johnson/2006, and RB Stan Fritts/1975). And he scored multiple TDs in four straight games (Games 8-11), the longest such streak in team history.

The longest previous streak of consecutive games with multiple TDs was three, accomplished by Pete Johnson in 1981 and Rudi Johnson in 2005. The last NFL player with multiple TDs in at least four games was Saints RB Alvin Kamara, who had five straight between the 2019 and '20 seasons. Seahawks WR Doug Baldwin in 2015 was the last player with multiple TDs in four straight games within one season.

For the season, Mixon has 12 rushing TDs and two receiving TDs. He could challenge RB Ickey Woods' team record for rushing TDs in a season (15 in 1988) or WR Carl Pickens' total TD record (17 in '95).

Mixon nearing Bengals TD record: HB Joe Mixon this season has scored 14 touchdowns, which already is tied for the fifth-most ever in a season by a Bengal. With four games remaining, Mixon needs just three TDs to tie WR Carl Pickens' single-season TD record of 17, set in 1995.

Here's a look at the Bengals with the most TDs in a season.

PLAYER	SEASON	TDs
WR Carl Pickens.....	1995	17
RB Pete Johnson.....	1981	16
RB Pete Johnson.....	1979	15
RB Ickey Woods.....	1988	15
RB Pete Johnson.....	1983	14
RB James Brooks.....	1988	14
RB Joe Mixon.....	2021	14

Bengals tough when Mixon hits 20 carries: The Bengals hold an 11-7 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark. And in those 18 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards 12 times. Eleven of his last 14 games with 20 carries have resulted in 100 or more rushing yards.

The Bengals are 3-1 this year when Mixon hits the mark. Last year, despite being limited by a foot injury to just six games, Mixon hit the 20-carry mark twice, and the Bengals were 1-1 in those contests.

Mixon tops 4K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon now stands as one of only six Bengals ever to rush for 4000 yards in a career. He achieved the feat this season on Nov. 21 at Las Vegas, in what was his 60th career game.

Mixon has 4395 career rushing yards, fifth-most in Bengals history. He passed Harold Green (3727) and Cedric Benson (4176) this year, but he's unlikely to catch Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place until at least next season. Corey Dillon (8061) is the Bengals' all-time leading rusher, followed by James Brooks (6447), Rudi Johnson (5472) and Pete Johnson (5421).

Mixon fastest to 4K/1K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon now stands as one of just four Bengals ever to surpass 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards. He joins Corey Dillon, James Brooks and Pete Johnson in that category.

Reaching the 4k/1k mark took Mixon just 60 career games, 11 faster than the next-quickest Bengal (Dillon, 71 games). He topped 1000 career receiving yards earlier this season in Game 1 vs. Minnesota, and then surpassed 4000 rushing yards in Game 10 at Las Vegas.

Mixon currently has 4395 career rushing yards and 1210 receiving yards.

It took Mixon just 50 games to reach 3000 rushing and 1000 receiving yards, which also was 11 games quicker than the next-fastest Bengal (Brooks, 61).

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards in a Bengals uniform (it should be noted that Brooks began his career with the San Diego Chargers from 1981-83; however, the data counts only rushing/receiving yardage and games played as a Bengal):

NAME	BENGALS GAMES TO REACH 4K/1K
Joe Mixon.....	60
Corey Dillon.....	71
James Brooks.....	76
Pete Johnson.....	77

Mixon secures the rock: Not only is Bengals HB Joe Mixon considered one of the top rushers in the NFL, he's also proven effective at protecting the football. Mixon has fumbled just six times (three lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 1214 combined touches on offense (1057 rushes, 157 catches). That includes just three fumbles (two lost) since the start of 2018.

Mixon owns two of the three longest streaks of rushing attempts without a fumble by a Bengal since at least 1990 (when the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat). From 2017-20, he went 541 rushing attempts without a fumble, good for the second-longest by a Bengal over that time period. That streak was halted by a fumble in the 2020 season opener. He then rattled off 327 carries without a fumble, the third-longest such streak in team history, before fumbling on a carry in Game 12 this season.

Here's a look at the longest streaks of rushing attempts by a Bengal without a fumble since 1990:

NFL PLAYER	CARRIES WITHOUT A FUMBLE	SEASONS SPANNED
Giovani Bernard.....	829	2013-20
Joe Mixon.....	541	2017-20
Joe Mixon.....	327	2020-21
Harold Green.....	298	1991-93
Jeremy Hill.....	282	2015-17

Recapping Burrow's NFL journey: Bengals QB Joe Burrow has returned healthy this year after his rookie campaign last season ended due to a left knee injury suffered early in the third quarter of Cincinnati's Nov. 22 game at Washington. Burrow had surgery on Dec. 2, embarked on a long rehab process, and was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28. He participated fully in every practice of training camp (save for one scheduled rest day) and took just three snaps in preseason — all came in the finale vs. Miami.

Shortly after his injury last season, Burrow had vowed publicly that he would start Cincinnati's 2021 season opener. On Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, a little more than nine months after his injury, he not only made good on that promise, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) in a dramatic Bengals OT win.

Burrow this season has completed 284 of 413 passes (68.8 percent) for 3483 yards, 25 TDs and 14 INTs (100.6 rating).

Burrow surpasses 6K: Bengals QB Joe Burrow surpassed 6000 career passing yards in Game 13 vs. San Francisco this season, in what was just his 23rd career game. That made him the fastest Bengal ever to 6000 passing yards, ahead of QBs Carson Palmer (25 games), Andy Dalton (27) and Jeff Blake (27).

Burrow also was the fastest Bengal to 5000 passing yards (19 games), ahead of Blake, Dalton and Palmer (22 each). And he reached 4000 yards in just 16 games, the fastest in team history ahead of Blake and Palmer (18 each).

Burrow's college connections: Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his second NFL season, but he has plenty familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. There are six current Bengals who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU, meaning 11.8 percent of Burrow's 51 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

The Bengals also have two practice squad players who played with Burrow, along with one assistant coach — assistant WRs coach Brad Kragthorpe — who was on LSU's staff in 2018, Burrow's first season with the Tigers.

Here's a look at the current Bengals who played with Burrow in college, along with the years they played together. Burrow played at Ohio State from 2015-17, and at Louisiana State from '18-19:

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	SEASONS WITH BURROW
Eli Apple	CB	Ohio State.....	2015
Vonn Bell	S	Ohio State.....	2015
Ja'Marr Chase	WR	Louisiana State.....	2018-19
Sam Hubbard	DE	Ohio State.....	2015-17
Isaiah Prince	OT	Ohio State.....	2015-17
Tyler Shelvin	DT	Louisiana State.....	2018-19
Keanre Jones*	LB	Ohio State.....	2016-17
Thaddeus Moss*	TE	Louisiana State.....	2018-19

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

Chase, Burrow reunite in Cincinnati: One of the most statistically accomplished QB-WR duos in college football history has reunited

this season in Cincinnati. Bengals QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft, and WR Ja'Marr Chase, the No. 5 overall pick in the '21 draft, are teammates again after helping power the Louisiana State Tigers to a college football national championship in 2019.

With Burrow as his QB in 2019, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Burrow, of course, went on to win the Heisman Trophy as college football's top player that year, after setting numerous NCAA and SEC passing records.

So far this season, Burrow and Chase have connected on 60 passes for 1035 yards (17.3 average) and 10 TDs.

Chase gathering Bengals rookie records: Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase this season has had what already could be considered one the top rookie seasons in team history. Chase in recent weeks has cemented that claim by setting new team rookie records, and he figures to take down a few more by the end of the season.

Chase currently has 60 receptions, the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. WRs Cris Collinsworth and Tee Higgins (67) share the team's rookie record in that category, followed by Green (65). Chase already has passed HB Giovani Bernard (56), WR Tyler Boyd (54) and WR Eddie Brown (53).

Chase currently has 1035 receiving yards, second-most ever by a Bengals rookie behind Green (1057). Chase has already passed WR Cris Collinsworth (1009), Brown (942), Higgins (908) and WR Darnay Scott (896).

Chase has three 100-yard receiving games this season, and could tie WR A.J. Green's team rookie record (four) this Sunday. He currently is tied with WRs Isaac Curtis and Eddie Brown for second-most by a Bengals rookie.

Chase has 10 receiving TDs, already the most ever by a Bengals rookie. He surpassed WR Isaac Curtis's previous team record of nine in just his 13th game — Curtis' record was set in a 14-game season in 1973.

The rundown on Chase: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase has lit up the record books so far in his young career. Here's a rundown of some of his accomplishments to this point in the season.

- Chase leads all rookies in receiving yardage (1035) and receiving TDs (10). Among all players, he is fifth in receiving yards and tied for third in receiving TDs.

- Chase's 1035 receiving yards are the 10th-most through a player's first 13 career games in league history.

- He is tied for fourth in the NFL in receptions of 40 yards or longer (six), and is tied for eighth in receptions of 20 yards or longer (15).

- He is the second rookie in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of his first seven games. Detroit WR Earl McCullough, who at one time was the world-record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, also did it in 1968. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.

- He is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first seven career games. McCullough is the other. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.

- His 201 receiving yards on Oct. 24 at Baltimore stand as the second-most among all players in a single game this season.

- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase (21 years, 237 days) became the second-youngest player ever to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game (Mike Evans; 21 years, 87 days).

- In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, he became the youngest (21 years, 195 days) Bengal ever to top 100 receiving yards.

Two big days for "Uno": WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 and has thus earned the nickname "Uno" among fans, has taken aim this season at Cincinnati's rookie receiving record book.

Despite having not yet completed his first NFL season, "Uno" already has two of the three highest single-game receiving yardage outputs by a rookie in team history. His first entry came on Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay, when he recorded 159 yards on nine catches, including a 70-yard TD just before halftime. It should be noted that the Packers game went into overtime, and that Chase had one catch for 21 yards in the extra period.

Then, on Oct. 24 at Baltimore, he exploded for a Bengals rookie record 201 receiving yards on eight catches, including an 82-yard bomb in the third quarter that widened Cincinnati's lead to 10 points. At the time he was 21 years and 237 days old, making him the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game.

Here's a look at the best single-game receiving yardage totals by Bengals rookies.

BENGALS ROOKIE	DATE/OPPONENT	REC. YARDS
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-24-2021 at Baltimore.....	201
WR Speedy Thomas	12-14-69 at Denver	177
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-11-21 vs. Green Bay (OT)	159
WR Darnay Scott	11-6-94 at Seattle (OT)	157
WR Speedy Thomas	10-19-69 vs. Denver.....	155
WR Darnay Scott	10-30-94 vs. Dallas	155

Chase heats up before halftime: Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase this season has arguably been the most productive WR in the NFL during the last two minutes of the first half. The rookie out of LSU leads the NFL in receiving yards (233) and catches of at least 20 yards (five) in the final two minutes of the first half, and his three receiving TDs during that time period also are tied for most in the league.

In a season already full of highlights, Chase's fireworks before halftime have helped Cincinnati seize momentum going into the locker room. Here's a look at Chase's game-changing plays just before halftime:

- In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, Chase hauled in a 50-yard bomb from Burrow with 42 seconds left in the half to score his first career TD and give the Bengals a 14-7 lead heading into the locker room.

- In Game 3 at Pittsburgh, Chase got behind the defense again and made a fingertip grab for a 34-yard TD with 43 seconds left, helping Cincinnati to a 14-7 halftime lead.

- In Game 5 vs. Green Bay, QB Joe Burrow extended the play and rolled right to find Chase streaking across the field for a 70-yard TD with 50 seconds remaining, cutting the Packers' lead to two at halftime.

- In Game 6 at Detroit, Chase caught a 34-yard pass down the sideline with 23 seconds remaining, and while he didn't find the end zone, the play got the Bengals into Lions territory and set up a FG three plays later that gave the Bengals a 10-point lead at halftime.

- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase caught three passes for 45 yards on Cincinnati's final drive of the first half, which ended with a FG. Those three catches included a 26-yarder to the Baltimore 19-yard line.

Tee goes 3 x 100: Bengals second-year WR Tee Higgins has topped 100 receiving yards in each of the last three games, which is tied for the third-longest streak in team history. He had 114 yards on Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh, 138 yards on Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers, and 114 yards on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco.

The last Bengal with 100 receiving yards in three straight games was WR A.J. Green, who eventually ran his streak to a team-record five games in 2013.

If Higgins tops 100 receiving yards in this Sunday's game at Denver for what would be the fourth straight game, he would tie WR Carl Pickens for the second-longest streak in team history.

Here's a look at the longest streaks in Bengals history for consecutive games with at least 100 receiving yards.

PLAYER	YEAR	CONS. GAMES WITH 100+ REC. YDS.
WR A.J. Green	2013	5
WR Carl Pickens	1994	4
WR Isaac Curtis	1973	3
WR Chad Johnson	2002	3
WR Chad Johnson	2006	3
WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh	2007	3
WR Tee Higgins	2021	3

Tee continues rookie momentum: Bengals WR Tee Higgins this season has continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in 2020. Higgins, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, missed two games earlier this season due to a shoulder injury but still has 57 catches for 812 yards and four TDs.

Last year, Higgins' 67 catches tied with former WR Cris Collinsworth for the most by a rookie in team history, while his team-high 908 receiving yards were at the time the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie (topped this year by rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase). He also hauled in six TD catches, which at the time was tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengals rookie (also topped this year by Chase). He finished the season ranked third leaguewide in catches, yards and TDs by a rookie.

Higgins this season has drawn praise from numerous Bengals coaches and teammates for transforming his body over the offseason. "My biggest thing was to get stronger," Higgins said over the summer. "I didn't do any routes, I didn't

run. I was just really in the weight room for the most part. Then, once I was able to actually get on the field and do like a workout or something, I just went out there and it felt good. I just felt like I had to get stronger, so I focused a little bit more on the weight room. Now I'm weighing like 220 (pounds), and it feels good. Last year I came in at like 220, but it was too heavy for me, so I had to lose a few pounds. Now it feels really good and I feel even faster."

'Fire department' tough after turnovers: The Bengals' offense and special teams units this season have committed 21 turnovers, including three that were returned for TDs, which means opposing offenses have taken over possession 18 times after Bengals turnovers. In those 18 instances, the Bengals' defense has allowed just three TDs and eight FGs (46 points). That means opponents failed to produce points on seven of those possessions — two punts, one missed FG, a turnover on downs and three INTs (one pick-six).

Opposing offenses have taken over in plus territory after Bengals turnovers on 12 occasions this year. Those have resulted in two TDs, seven FGs, a punt, a missed FG and an INT (26 points).

When opposing offenses take over inside the Bengals' 20-yard line, they have one TD, three FGs and a missed FG (17 points).

Bengals defenders and coaches say that they have embraced these kinds of back-to-the-wall situations. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo has even coined a name for them. "I tell our guys all the time that we're like the fire department," he said. "We're here to put the fire out. We don't ask how or why. We just go out there and we put it out."

Hendrickson on torrid sack pace: DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March, has made a significant impact in the sack column in just his first season as a Bengal.

Hendrickson has a team-high 12.5 sacks (tied for fifth in NFL) through 13 games. That total is more than double the team lead for all of last season (former DE Carl Lawson, 5.5), and he also is the first Bengal with double-digit sacks since former DT Geno Atkins' 10 in 2018.

Hendrickson is on pace for 16 sacks for a full 17-game season, which would be second-most in team history between DE Coy Bacon's team-record 22 in 1976, and DE Carlos Dunlap's 13.5 in 2015.

Hendrickson, though, left Game 13 vs. San Francisco with a back injury, and his status for this Sunday's game at Denver is unknown.

Last season with New Orleans, Hendrickson had 13.5 sacks, tied for the NFC lead and tied for second-most leaguewide. And since the beginning of the 2020 season, Hendrickson's 26 sacks are third-most in the NFL, behind only Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (31.0) and Cleveland's Myles Garrett (27.0). The Rams' Aaron Donald (23.5) is fourth, and Carolina's Haason Reddick (23.0) is fifth.

Hendrickson's sack streak at nine: Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson has recorded a sack in each of the Bengals' last nine games, good for the longest active streak in the NFL, the longest ever by a Bengal, and tied for the fourth-longest in NFL history. The previous Bengals record was six straight, by LB Reggie Williams (1984) and DE Eddie Edwards ('83). Current Chiefs DT Chris Jones holds the NFL record at 11 straight games with a sack (accomplished in 2018). Hendrickson and Jones are the only NFL players with a streak of at least nine games within one season.

Hendrickson, though, left last Sunday's game vs. San Francisco with a back injury, and his status for this week's game at Denver is unknown. If he records a sack in the next game in which he plays, Hendrickson would tie for the second-longest streak in NFL history.

Hendrickson has 12.5 sacks this season (tied for fifth in the NFL), and has recorded a sack in 11 of Cincinnati's 13 contests.

Here's a look at the longest streaks of games with at least one sack in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEAR(S)	CONS. GAMES WITH A SACK
Chris Jones	K.C.	2018	11
Simon Fletcher	Den.	1992-93	10
DeMarcus Ware	Dall.	2007-08	10
Trey Hendrickson	Cin.	2021	9
Bruce Smith	Buff.	1986-87	9
Kevin Greene	S.F./Car.	1997-98	9
Dwight Freeneey	Ind.	2008-09	9

Bengals improve 2020 pass rush: Over the offseason, one of the primary areas of focus for the Bengals was to improve a pass-rush that

last year totaled a league-low 17 sacks. Injuries were a key factor a year ago, especially toward the end of the season, but Cincinnati still approached free agency and the draft intent on boosting the defensive line.

So far, it's worked. Through 14 weeks, Cincinnati ranks tied for second leaguewide with 37 sacks, more than double last season's 17 sacks. DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the team's key acquisitions in free agency last March, leads the team and ranks tied for fifth leaguewide with 12.5 sacks. That's more than double last season's team high (5.5, DE Carl Lawson). Eight Bengals have gotten into the sack column this season, including DT Larry Ogunjobi (5.5), another 2021 free agent acquisition, DT B.J. Hill (5.5), who was acquired in a trade just before the regular season, and DE Cam Sample (1.5), who was one of four defensive linemen Cincinnati selected in April's draft. The revamped defensive line has accounted for all but 1.5 of the team's sacks this season, and DE Sam Hubbard (7.5) is the only defender in the sack column who was with Cincinnati prior to the 2020 season.

Four players — Hendrickson, Hubbard, Ogunjobi and Hill — have matched or surpassed last season's team lead of 5.5 sacks.

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks second in sacks (24.0) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

Players' listed positions vary by media outlet (e.g. whether a player is classified as a LB or DE), but according to NFL.com's draft record, Hubbard was the 13th defensive lineman selected in 2018 — five DEs and seven DTs came off the board before him. According to NFL.com, there were a total of 40 defensive linemen (20 DEs, 20 DTs) selected in the 2018 draft, along with 32 linebackers and one player classified as "EDGE." There were also, of course, numerous undrafted rookies in 2018.

Hubbard has been the Bengals' starting RDE since 2019, and signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the end of the 2025 season.

Here's a look at the career sack leaders from the rookie class of 2018:

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Harold Landry/EDGE	Tennessee	No. 41 (2nd)	30.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	24.0
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver	No. 5 (1st)	20.5
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans	No. 14 (1st)	17.5
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia	No. 130 (4th)	15.5

Logan still leads all LBs in INTs: Bengals second-year LB Logan Wilson has missed time lately with a right shoulder injury, but when healthy this season he has turned heads as one of the team's top defensive players. The 2020 third-round pick has four INTs this year, which despite his missed time still ranks tied for fifth in the AFC, tied for eighth leaguewide, and most among all NFL linebackers. Wilson's four picks also are the most by a Bengals LB in a season since Odell Thurman's five in 2005.

Wilson has also been strong against the run. His 90 tackles still lead the team, and he has led the Bengals in tackles in six of the 11 full games in which he has been healthy (was injured in the first half of Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers).

As a rookie last season, Wilson was eased into the regular defensive rotation and then battled injuries late in the year. This season, he was assigned the green dot on his helmet as the team's designated communicator, and has been credited by teammates for being a vocal leader.

"He has a huge responsibility on his shoulders this year," DE Trey Hendrickson said of Wilson. "He's taken in a lot in just two years, and you wouldn't know that he's a second-year guy. He's our play-caller out there, and he's getting the calls out quickly. That's what we need from a guy inside like that. And he's got hands too."

Healthy Reader leads stout D-line: During the 2020 offseason, the Bengals made one of the most significant free agency splashes in team history when they signed DT D.J. Reader to a lucrative four-year contract that lasts through the 2023 season. Big things were expected of Reader, but his impact in 2020 was short-lived after he suffered a season-ending left quad injury in the fifth game.

This year, the 6-3, 347-pound Reader has returned healthy and proven his value as a leader and physical presence in the middle of the defensive line. And while the impact of interior defensive linemen is often difficult to quantify with statistics, consider that Cincinnati's run defense ranks fourth in the NFL (93.1 yards/game allowed) this season compared to 29th a year ago (148.0) and 32nd the year before (148.9).

Another measure of the impact of an interior defensive lineman — particularly a nose tackle — is the play of the linebackers behind them. This season, Cincinnati's linebacker play has been among the brightest and most-improved spots on the defense. Leading the way has been second-year pro Logan Wilson, who leads the team in tackles (90) and whose four INTs lead all NFL LBs.

But perhaps the most impressive part of Reader's 2021 season thus far has been his recovery from the aforementioned quad injury. He recently talked about the severity of it on the Bengals Booth Podcast with Bengals play-by-play radio announcer Dan Hoard.

"I ruptured the tendon, so it was pretty severe," Reader said. "The first six weeks after surgery, you can't move. You have to keep it straight because the tendon has to repair. And then it was a nine-month rehab. They say it only has about a 50 percent 'return' rate — not very high — but it's gotten better with modern medicine and the surgeries.

"Sleeping was probably the hardest thing, because you can't move at all — you have to sleep on your back, you have to keep it straight, and you're in a brace."

Reader has started every game at NT this season, and has 37 tackles and two sacks.

Mr. Reliable wears No. 30: Jessie Bates earned a starting S spot midway through his first preseason in Cincinnati, and he hasn't looked back since. The 2018 second-round pick started 51 straight games to begin his Bengals career — that's three full seasons plus three games — until a neck injury ended his streak in the fourth game of 2021 (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville). He missed just that one game before returning to the starting lineup the next week, and he has started every game since.

Still, Bates' streak of 51 is tied for the sixth-most consecutive starts by a player to begin their career as a Bengal, and the second-most by a defender. Had he started the Jacksonville game, he would have tied former LB Takeo Spikes (52) for most starts to begin a career by a Bengals defender.

Here's a look at the players with the most consecutive starts to begin a Bengals career:

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE STARTS TO BEGIN CAREER
C Bob Johnson	94
QB Andy Dalton	77
TE Dan Ross	65
C Russell Bodine	64
LB Takeo Spikes	52
S Jessie Bates	51
LB Bill Bergey	51

Bell rings of reliability: One of Cincinnati's most trusted leaders and consistent players on the field over the last two seasons has been S Vonn Bell. The sixth-year pro joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent prior to the 2020 season, and then proceeded to play in every snap of his first 20 games with the team. His streak of consecutive snaps was broken in Cincinnati's 34-11 win at Detroit on Oct. 17, when the starters were rested late in the fourth quarter.

And although he has missed a few more snaps since that game in Detroit, Bell still leads defense in snaps played (814 of 863) this season. In his now 29 career Bengals games, he has seen action on 1873 of 1922 possible defensive snaps (97.5 percent).

Bell has been a captain in both of his Bengals seasons. He ranks second on the team in tackles (81) this year, after leading the team in that category (114) last season.

Special teams soar under Simmons: Over the 19-year tenure of Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have consistently boasted one of the top special teams units in the NFL. Simmons in 2020 added the title of assistant head coach to his usual role as special teams coordinator, a nod to a successful run that has seen 17 of his pupils appear in the team's record book.

Here's an overview of Simmons' players' dominance in the records (for more info, see the Bengals' records section on page 168 in the 2020 media guide):

• The three most accurate FG kickers (by career percentage) in team history — Shayne Graham, Randy Bullock, and Mike Nugent — were all coached by Simmons for their entire Bengals careers. Simmons has also been at the helm for each of the six most accurate single seasons by Bengals kickers.

• The five longest consecutive FG streaks in team history have all come under Simmons' watch, as have three of the five longest PAT streaks.

• Simmons, who punted at the University of Kansas, has had particular success coaching his former position. Current P Kevin Huber holds the top spot in every Bengals career punting category, along with the top five single seasons for gross average, net average and inside-20s. Former P Kyle Larson, who spent his entire Bengals term (2004-08) under Simmons, ranks within the top four in every career punting category, and shares with Huber the record for longest punt in team history (75 yards).

• Simmons has coached three of the Bengals' top four leaders in career punt return average — Adam Jones, Quan Cosby and Peter Warrick.

• Simmons has coached four of the team's top six leaders in career kickoff return average — Jones, Alex Erickson, Bernard Scott, Glenn Holt — along with five of the six best single seasons by a kickoff returner (based on yards per kickoff return).

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed 1812 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

Simmons has also coached four players who have made the Pro Bowl as special teamers — Huber, Jones, Harris and HB Cedric Peerman.

Huber among NFL's best at pinning 'em: As the evidence shows, no Bengals punter has ever been nearly as successful as Kevin Huber at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The 2009 fifth-round draft choice currently has 333 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

But the numbers also show that Huber is among the best active punters in the NFL at pinning opponents deep.

Here's a look at the five active punters with the most career inside-20 punts:

PUNTER	TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Dustin Colquitt	Atlanta	17	479
Andy Lee	Arizona	18	456
Sam Koch	Baltimore	16	447
Brett Kern	Tennessee	14	389
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati	13	333

Huber, Harris chasing down Riley: One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that has stood for 38 years, could be matched by the end of the 2021 season. Longtime CB Ken Riley's Bengals record 207 games played is currently five clear of current P Kevin Huber (203), meaning that if Huber plays in each of the Bengals' four remaining games this season, he would tie The Rattler's historic mark that has stood since his retirement in 1983.

In Game 3 vs. Pittsburgh, Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in career games played as a Bengal. He now trails only LB Reggie Williams (206) and Riley (207).

Not far behind that group is current LS Clark Harris (197 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris now stands fourth in career games as a Bengal, and this season has passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185), DT Tim Krumrie (188) and Anderson (192).

Here's a look at the players with the most career games played as a Bengal:

PLAYER	GAMES AS A BENGAL	YEARS
CB Ken Riley	207	1969-83
LB Reggie Williams	206	1976-85
P Kevin Huber	203	2009-present
LS Clark Harris	197	2009-present
QB Ken Anderson	192	1971-86
DT Tim Krumrie	188	1983-94
OT Anthony Munoz	185	1980-92

The Huber roundup: Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who is now in his 13th season, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy by taking over the top spot in the few remaining career punting categories he did not already own.

Huber now stands first in team history in the following categories:

- Punts (963)
- Punting yards (43,629)
- Gross average (45.31)
- Net average (40.25)

● Inside-20 punts (333)

Huber has also taken over many of the Bengals' single-season and single-game records. Among them are:

- He holds the top five Bengals season averages in both gross and net punting yardage, and in 2020, his 12th NFL season, he re-set his own single-season team records in both categories (47.18 gross, 42.82 net).
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.
- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

McPherson from deep: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson, who turned 22 just seven days before the start of training camp, already has made seven FGs of 50 or more yards, tied with Steelers K Chris Boswell for the most in the NFL this season. Seven FGs of 50 or more yards is tied with Greg Zuerlein for most in NFL history through a player's first 13 career games. It's also the most 50-plus yarders in a full season in Bengals history, topping the previous mark of four by K Horst Muhlmann in 1970.

In a sign of things to come, McPherson's first-ever NFL FG was a 53-yarder in Cincinnati's season-opener vs. Minnesota. Then, on Nov. 21 at Las Vegas, he tied a single-game NFL record with three FGs of at least 50 yards (54, 53 and 51). For perspective, there were only four instances (including Muhlmann in 1970) prior to this year where a Bengals kicker had as many as three 50-plus yarders in a full season.

Here's a look at the rookies with the most made FGs of 50 or more yards in a season:

YEAR	ROOKIE	TEAM	50+ YARD FGs
2012	Blair Walsh	Minnesota Vikings.....	10
2019	Joey Slye	Carolina Panthers.....	8
2012	Greg Zuerlein	St. Louis Rams.....	7
2021	Evan McPherson	Cincinnati Bengals.....	7

McPherson the youngest with OT winner: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson made his NFL debut in style on Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, booting a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT.

McPherson, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in April's draft, chose to forgo his final year of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft, and thus is among the youngest Bengals on the roster. At the time of his game-winner against Minnesota, which he says was the first "walk-off" kick of his career on any level, he was 22 years and 53 days old (born 7-21-99), making him the youngest player in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in overtime. It also made him just the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in OT (the other was Miami K Jason Sanders in 2018). Earlier in the game, McPherson became the youngest Bengal ever to kick a FG or PAT.

So far this season, McPherson has made 37 of 39 PATs and 21 of his 25 FGs, including a team-record seven 50-plus yarders and two game-winners as time expired (33 and 35 yards).

Here's a look at the youngest players in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in OT:

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE/OPPONENT	AGE
Evan McPherson	Cincinnati	9-12-2021 vs. Minn.	22 years, 53 days
Pete Stoyanovich	Miami	10-8-1989 vs. Cle.	22 years, 163 days
Wade Richey	San Francisco	12-6-1998 at Car.	22 years, 201 days
Ali Haji-Sheikh	N.Y. Giants	9-11-1983 at Atl.	22 years, 243 days
Blair Walsh	Minnesota	9-9-2012 vs. Jax.	22 years, 245 days

... Make that two walk-offs: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson said before the season that he had never, at any level of football, even been in a position to kick a game-winning FG or PAT as time expired — a "walk-off," if you will. He wasted no time changing that in the NFL, when in the season-opener — his NFL debut — he nailed a 33-yarder as time expired in OT to give Cincinnati a dramatic 27-24 win. He did it again three weeks later, in Cincinnati's Sept. 30 Thursday Night Football matchup vs. Jacksonville, this time converting a 35-yarder as time expired in regulation to give the Bengals a 24-21 win.

For what it's worth, McPherson has a long way to go to catch former Bengals K Jim Breech, whose 10 "walk-off" kicks (FG or PAT) with no time remaining stand as the most in team history.

But at 21 years old, McPherson does stand as the youngest player in NFL history with two "walk-off" kicks.

Here's a look at the youngest kickers in NFL history at the time of their second game-winning FG with no time remaining:

PLAYER	TEAM	AGE
Evan McPherson.....	Cincinnati Bengals	22 years, 71 days
Blair Walsh.....	Minnesota Vikings	22 years, 357 days
Justin Tucker.....	Baltimore Ravens	23 years, four days
Morten Andersen.....	New Orleans Saints	23 years, 51 days
Matt Bahr.....	Pittsburgh Steelers	23 years, 142 days

Roster flip noticeable in Year 3: Zac Taylor took over as Bengals head coach in 2019, and throughout his now three-year tenure there has been a steady but noticeable churn of the roster. Of the 52 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Dec. 14), only nine suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 42 current Bengals — or 80.8 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

Cincinnati's roster overhaul has hit overdrive since the end of last season. Twenty-two current Bengals — that's 42.3 percent of the 53-player roster — had never suited up in a game for Cincinnati prior to the 2021 regular season. (It should be noted that figure includes TE Mitchell Wilcox and OT Isaiah Prince, who were with Cincinnati previously but never played.)

Recent acquisitions boost Bengals: Cincinnati's player personnel department has struck gold in acquiring new top talent in each of the last two years. On top of solid drafts (see the next item titled "2020 rookies continue to deliver"), the team has unearthed a bounty of player production in free agency, as well as a trade.

Here's a look at how some of the team's 2020 and '21 additions are faring this season (all are unrestricted free agent additions, unless otherwise noted):

ACQUIRED, PLAYER	'21 G/S	NOTES
2020, S Vonn Bell	13/13	Starting S and team captain
2020, DT D.J. Reader	13/13	Starting NT
2020, G Quinton Spain (waivers)	13/13	Starting G (re-signed as UFA in March)
2020, G Xavier Su'a-Filo	2/2	Starting G (though currently on R/I)
2020, WR Mike D. Thomas	9/1	Reserve WR; special teamer
2020, CB Trae Waynes	2/2	Starting CB (though currently on R/I)
2021, S Ricardo Allen (free agent)	10/0	Key reserve; veteran leader
2021, CB Eli Apple (free agent)	13/12	Key reserve turned starter
2021, CB Chidobe Awuzie	12/12	Starting CB
2021, DE Trey Hendrickson	13/11	Starting DE; leads team in sacks (12.5)
2021, DT B.J. Hill (trade)	13/2	Key reserve with 5.5 sacks
2021, CB Mike Hilton	13/6	Starting nickel CB
2021, DT Larry Ogunjobi	13/13	Starting DT (three-technique); 5.5 sacks
2021, OT Riley Reiff	12/12	Starting ROT

2020 rookies continue to deliver: Cincinnati's 2020 draft class combined to play in 96 games (33 starts) as rookies, just three games shy of the most by a Bengals draft class (99 in 2017) since the draft went to seven rounds in 1994. Consider also that the 2020 class was just seven players, while the 2017 class was 11 players.

After being leaned upon heavily as rookies, Cincinnati's 2020 draft class has continued to deliver, combining to play in 66 games (41 starts) this season. It should be noted that 2020 draft picks have dealt with more injuries this season, and have spent a combined 19 games on reserve lists. LB Akeem Davis-Gaither (left foot), a 2020 fourth-rounder, is on Reserve/Injured and is not expected return this season. LB Logan Wilson currently has a right shoulder injury and has missed time, but he is not currently on a reserve list.

Here is the 2020 Bengals draft class: QB Joe Burrow (first round), WR Tee Higgins (second), LB Logan Wilson (third), Davis-Gaither (fourth), DE Khalid Kareem (fifth), G Hakeem Adeniji (sixth), LB Markus Bailey (seventh). Burrow, Higgins, Wilson and Adeniji are regular starters when healthy.

Flipping the script on the road: The Bengals this season have won four road games, which already stands as their most wins away from home since 2015 (six). Wins in their two remaining road games — this week at Denver, and Week 18 at Cleveland — would give them six for the year and tie the single-season team record, accomplished in 1981, 2005, '12, and '15.

Dating back to 2020, Cincinnati has won five of its last seven road games. It wasn't long ago, though, that the shoe was on the other foot. The Bengals lost 13 straight road games between 2018 and early '20, and that bleeding was stopped only by a tie at Philadelphia. Head coach Zac Taylor did not pick up his first road win until his 16th game away from Paul Brown Stadium (includes a

2019 neutral site loss to the Rams in London), a fact the third-year Bengals head coach has not forgotten.

"We've really matured," Taylor told the media after his team's 31-13 win at Las Vegas on Nov. 21. "We lost 15 games in a row on the road at one point — I don't know if you all remember that, but I do (laughs).

"This team has really turned their mentality. When we get on a plane, get on a bus and go to a hotel, we come out there really focused. They've handled it really well. I have no concerns taking this team on the road and wondering how they're going to handle it. I'm proud of them."

Bengals tap Senior Bowl pipeline: One of the key factors in Cincinnati's success in the draft the last two years has been the team's ability to identify prospects at the Senior Bowl, a college all-star game held each January that serves as the unofficial start to the pre-draft process.

The Bengals have drafted seven players over the last two years who participated in the Senior Bowl, and all seven are still with the team. Four are on the active roster — OT Hakeem Adeniji (2020, sixth round), HB Chris Evans ('21 sixth round), DE Cam Sample ('21, fourth round) and LB Logan Wilson ('20, third round) — while the other three are on reserve lists — LB Akeem Davis-Gaither ('20, fourth round; Reserve/Injured), DE Wyatt Hubert ('21, seventh round; Reserve/Non-Football Injury) and G D'Ante Smith ('21, fourth round; Reserve/Injured).

Zac Taylor and the rest of the Bengals staff coached the South team at the 2020 Senior Bowl, and Davis-Gaither was on their roster. Wilson and Adeniji were on the North team that year, however coaches cite their close exposure to both during that experience as a major reason they ended up in Cincinnati.

Taylor and his staff have attended each of the last two Senior Bowls (2020-21). He was on the Rams' staff in 2018 and was hired by Cincinnati after L.A.'s run to the Super Bowl that year, therefore neither he nor his full coaching staff attended the 2019 Senior Bowl.

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 56-6-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the second-best winning percentage (.891) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 10-5 under head coach Zac Taylor (5-1 this season) when reaching the 25-point plateau.

Here are the top five teams in the NFL since 2011, in terms of winning percentage, when hitting the 25-point plateau:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
New England Patriots	98	10	0	.907
Cincinnati Bengals	56	6	2	.891
Denver Broncos	61	8	0	.884
Miami Dolphins	43	6	0	.878
Arizona Cardinals	55	8	1	.867

Tracking weekly/monthly awards: Four different Bengals this season have won a total of six weekly and/or monthly awards given out by the NFL. This year marks the first time in team history that two Bengals rookies (McPherson and WR Ja'Marr Chase) have won a player of the week award in the same season. Here's a rundown of all the winners:

• K Evan McPherson, Week 1, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week: In what was his NFL debut, the Bengals' rookie fifth-round pick kicked a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT to give Cincinnati a 27-24 win over Minnesota. At the time, he was 22 years and 53 days old, making him the youngest kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winner in OT. He also was just the second rookie kicker ever to convert a FG as time expired in OT. Earlier in the game, McPherson made his first career NFL field goal, a 53-yarder that counted as the second-longest in the AFC in Week 1.

• QB Joe Burrow, Week 4, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Burrow threw for 348 yards and two TDs in Cincinnati's Week 4 Thursday Night matchup vs. Jacksonville, while also posting then-career highs in both completion percentage (78.1) and passer rating (132.8) as he helped lead the Bengals to a comeback win. Burrow led Cincinnati to scores on all four of its second-half possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG), and his 10-play, 73-yard drive late in the fourth quarter bled 5:33 off the clock and set up a game-winning FG as time expired. In the second half alone, Burrow completed 17 of 20 passes (85 percent) for 253 yards and two TDs (152.1 rating).

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, September, NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month: The fifth overall pick in the 2021 draft led all rookies in receiving yardage (220) and TDs (four) in September. He was one of just nine rookies ever to catch at least

one TD in each of his first three career games, and was one of just three players ever to catch TDs of at least 25 yards in each of his first three career games. He also was the youngest player (21 years old) with four receiving TDs through his first three career games, edging out Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss' three in three games in 1998.

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, Week 7, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Chase caught eight passes for a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards and a TD in Cincinnati's 41-17 win in Week 7 at Baltimore. His receiving yardage total was the highest in the AFC through seven weeks, and his 82-yard TD in the third quarter was the longest pass play in the AFC through seven weeks. Chase's 754 receiving yards through Week 7 led the AFC and ranked as the most ever by an NFL player through his first seven career games. Chase is the first Bengals rookie WR ever to win AFC Offensive Player of the Week, and the first Bengals rookie (at any position) to win the award since HB Jeremy Hill in 2014. AFC player of the week awards have been issued since 1984.

• K Evan McPherson, Week 11, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week: McPherson made all four of his FG attempts in the Cincinnati's Week 11 win at Las Vegas, and accounted for 14 of the team's 32 points on the day. Three of his FGs were from 50-plus yards (54, 53, 51), which tied a single-game NFL record.

• HB Joe Mixon, Week 12, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Mixon helped Cincinnati to a 41-10 win over division-rival Pittsburgh by rushing for a career-high 165 yards, the most-ever by a Bengal against the Steelers. He also scored two TDs, and ran his tally of consecutive games with multiple TDs to four, the longest such streak in team history and the longest active streak in the NFL at the time. It was also his eighth straight game with a TD, which tied the third-longest streak in team history (streak ultimately stretched to nine games, tied for second in team history).

2021 Bengals captains: Prior to start of the regular season, the Bengals named team captains for 2021 on offense, defense and special teams.

On offense, the captains are second-year QB Joe Burrow, fifth-year HB Joe Mixon and sixth-year WR Tyler Boyd. This is Burrow's second season as a captain, while Mixon and Boyd are first-time captains.

On defense, the captains are fourth-year S Jessie Bates, fourth-year DE Sam Hubbard and sixth-year S Vonn Bell. It's the first captain nod for both Bates and Hubbard, and the second for Bell, who joined the Bengals last season.

The lone captain on special teams is P Kevin Huber, who is the longest-tenured Bengal on the roster at 13 seasons. Huber is 36 years old, while Boyd (27), Bell (27) and Hubbard (26) are the next-oldest captains.

Bengals' Nebraska connections: The Bengals have of course drawn attention this season for their many connections to the LSU Tigers, but look closer and you'll find several significant links to another school — the University of Nebraska.

Bengals QB Joe Burrow's father, Jimmy, was a starting safety at Nebraska under Tom Osborne in the mid-1970s, and then later served as an assistant under Huskers head coach Frank Solich from 2000-02. While on Nebraska's staff, Jimmy coached Joe's older brothers, Jamie (MLB) and Dan (S), who helped Nebraska to a berth in the BCS National Championship Game (Rose Bowl) in the 2001 season. Joe was five at the time.

Solich was fired by Nebraska after the 2003 season, but then caught on in '05 as head coach at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He promptly hired Jimmy Burrow as defensive coordinator, and the Burrow family moved to Athens, where Joe went on to play in high school and win Ohio's Mr. Football award in 2014.

Solich was replaced at Nebraska by Bill Callahan, who served as Huskers head coach from 2004-07. Bill Callahan is the father of Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan, who at the time of his dad's Nebraska hiring was already a walk-on QB at UCLA. In 2005, Bill Callahan's Huskers got a transfer QB from Butler County (Kan.) Community College by the name of Zac Taylor, who went on to play two seasons with the Huskers and win Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year in his senior season of 2006. Taylor was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

Joe Burrow grew up a Nebraska football fan, but says he was not offered a scholarship by the Huskers out of high school or after his transfer from Ohio State in 2018.

Examining Week 1 Bengals since '02: Here's a look at how Cincinnati's opening-week roster this year stacked up with the Bengals' Week 1 rosters of the last 20 seasons (since 2002). All info is according to the NFL's annual kickoff weekend roster info press release, which compares the height, weight, age and experience of all 32 teams in Week 1.

The 2021 Bengals' average height was 6.18 feet, which tied for the fourth-shortest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2002 team

(6.11 feet) was the shortest, while the '16 squad (6.22 feet) was the tallest.

This year's Bengals averaged 248.83 pounds, good for the sixth-heaviest opening-week squad Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2010 team (251.53) was the heaviest, while the '02 squad (244.6) was the lightest.

The players on the Bengals' 2021 opening-week roster averaged 25.68 years old, good for the third-youngest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2018 squad (25.38) was the youngest, while the '06 team (26.57) was the oldest.

This year's Bengals players averaged 3.81 years of NFL experience, the eighth-fewest by a Cincinnati squad over the last 20 years. The 2004 team (3.57) was the least-experienced, while the '15 squad (4.49) was the most-experienced.

The 2021 Bengals had 11 rookie and first-year players on the roster, tied for sixth-most over the last 20 years. The 2017 Bengals (14) had the most rookies and first-year players, while the '13 team (seven) had the fewest.

This year's Bengals had just five players age 30 or older, the second-fewest by a Cincinnati team over the last 20 years. The 2011 Bengals (two) had the fewest players 30 or older, while the '15 team (11) had the most.

The 2021 Bengals had just eight players 200 pounds or lighter, which tied for the third-fewest over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2017 and '19 Bengals (seven) had the fewest, while the '09 team (13) had the most.

This year's Bengals had nine players listed shorter than six feet, which tied for the fifth-fewest in that category over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2008 Bengals (five) had the fewest players under six feet, while the 2004, '10 and '15 teams (all 11) had the most.

Finally, the 2021 Bengals had 14 players who weighed 300 or more pounds, tied with the '08 team for the most in the last 19 years (league info goes back only to 2003). The 2003, '04 and '17 Bengals (all eight) tied for the fewest.

Kickoff weekend roster comparisons: Early this season, the NFL released its annual comparison of rosters throughout the league on kickoff weekend. The data includes comparisons of height, weight, experience and age across all 32 NFL rosters on the Week 1 of the season.

Here's a look at the Bengals' opening-week roster data from each of the last five seasons (all info is according to the NFL's annual kickoff weekend roster comparison press release):

CATEGORY	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Avg. height.....	6.18	6.16	6.19	6.19	6.20
Avg. weight.....	248.83	245.29	249.47*	246.96	246.30
Avg. age.....	25.68	25.76	25.94	25.38	25.45
Avg. experience.....	3.81	4.25	4.28	3.70	3.75
Rookie/1st yr. players.....	11	9	9	11	14
Players 30 or older.....	5	8	8	7	7
Players <200 pounds.....	8	8	7	9	7
Players <6 feet tall.....	9	10	10	9	6
Players >300 pounds.....	14	11	12	11	8

* — Asterisk denotes AFC high that year.

Coin-toss roller coaster: The Bengals have been on both ends of rather improbable coin-toss streaks dating back to late last season.

On the good-luck side, the Bengals won 11 straight coin tosses between Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh last season and Game 6 at Detroit this season. That's a

span of nine games, but it included two OT contests, and the Bengals won the toss prior to the extra period in both of those. Winning 11 straight coin tosses equates to one in 2048 odds.

Now for the other side of the coin. The Bengals lost five straight coin tosses between Game 7 and Game 11 this season (no OT games), which equates to one in 32 odds. That streak, though, was broken with a coin-toss win in Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers.

Bengals-Jags most-watched TNF since 2018: The broadcast of the Bengals' Sept. 30 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Thursday Night Football drew an average of 8.5 million viewers, which at the time was good for the largest audience of any exclusive TNF game since Week 3 of 2018 (N.Y. Jets vs. Cleveland Browns). The game aired on NFL Network and Yahoo Sports mobile properties, and the viewership measurement includes both television and digital platforms.

By comparison, the Bengals-Jaguars telecast was up 47 percent from last year's Week 4 TNF matchup (Broncos-Jets, 5.8 million viewers), and up 36 percent from the average audience from Weeks 1-3 this season (6.3 million). It was also television's most-watched telecast of the day.

Three Bengals hail from Queen City: The Bengals have three players — DE Sam Hubbard, P Kevin Huber and G Jackson Carman — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, played his third Bengals season, after joining the team as a third-round draft pick (77th overall) in 2018. He is in his third season as a full-time starting DE, and in July signed a contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2025.

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.31) and net (40.25) punting average.

Carman, a rookie, is a native of Fairfield, Ohio, a Cincinnati suburb about 35 minutes north of the city. He attended Fairfield High School before playing at Clemson University for three seasons, and then the Bengals selected him in the second round of the 2021 draft.

Bengal bites: Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft, is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 ... According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players' speed by using GPS, S Brandon Wilson's kickoff return for a TD at Baltimore in 2019 (22.03 MPH) stands as the fastest speed by a Bengal ball-carrier since NGS' launch in '16; The fastest speed by a Bengals ball-carrier in 2021 came from HB Joe Mixon, who reached 20.66 MPH on a 19-yard run in the season-opener vs. Minnesota ... The longest-tenured player on the roster in 2021 is P Kevin Huber, a 13th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS Clark Harris, who is 37 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is 21 (born March 1, 2000) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 184 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT Tyler Shelvin, who is 350 pounds ... The tallest Bengal is OT Isaiah Prince, who is 6-7 ... The shortest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 5-9 ... The Bengals have two persons with the name of Michael Thomas on the active roster — No. 80 WR Mike D. Thomas (goes by "Mike"; middle name is Davonta), and No. 31 S Michael J. Thomas (goes by "Michael"; has two middle names, "Jacob James").

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Second-year pro **Joe Burrow** has returned to action this season, after his rookie campaign was limited to just 10 games due to a left knee injury. Burrow this season has completed 284 of 413 pass attempts (68.3 percent) for 3483 yards (eighth in the NFL), 25 TDs (eighth in the NFL) and 14 INTs (100.6 rating). In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.6) — he has since topped all of those numbers. Burrow has a passer rating of 100 or better in seven games this season, and 10 for his career. Burrow also has passed for 300 or more yards in four games this season, and nine for his career. Burrow has one 400-yard game (Game 7 vs. Baltimore) this season, and two for his career. Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and in Game 1 this season he followed through on a vow he made shortly after his injury that he would start the 2021 regular-season opener. Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen has played in four games this season, after starting six late last

year following Burrow's injury. Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began that season on the practice squad as the team's "quarantine QB" that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19.

Running backs: Leading the Bengals' running back room is fifth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who has returned to action this season after his 2020 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Mixon is in the midst of his best pro season yet, and has rushed for 1036 yards (second in NFL) and 12 TDs (third in NFL) on 245 carries (first in NFL). Mixon also has caught 28 passes for 202 yards and two TDs. Mixon ended a nine consecutive game TD streak (see "Mixon's TD streak ends at nine" on page 4) in Game 13 vs San Francisco, just one game short of tying the franchise record of 10 straight games scoring a TD (WR Carl Pickens, 1994-95). Mixon's 14 total TDs this season are tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengal, and stand just three shy of Pickens' team-record 17, set in 1995. Mixon has three 100-yard rushing games this season and 13 for his career; he also has five games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage this

season and 21 for his career. Mixon passed the 1000 yards rushing mark this season in Game 13 vs. San Francisco. Mixon topped 1000 yards rushing in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury last season prevented him from making it three seasons in a row. Mixon signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '24 season. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his third Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. This season, Perine has 50 carries for 212 yards and one TD, and 22 catches for 167 yards and one TD. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he's also used extensively on special teams. The third running back on Cincinnati's active roster is **Chris Evans**, a rookie sixth-round pick out of the University of Michigan. Evans is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield, and this season he has 11 catches for 127 yards and a TD, along with nine carries for 41 yards. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices. **Trayveon Williams**, a sixth-round pick by Cincinnati in the 2019 draft, was signed from the practice squad to the active roster on Dec. 4. Williams has played in four games this season, including two earlier in the year as a standard elevation from the practice squad.

Wide receivers: The newest addition to the Bengals' offense this season is first-round draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, who brings previous experience with Joe Burrow from their time together in college at LSU. Chase has been one of Cincinnati's top performers so far this season, with team-highs in receptions (60), receiving yards (1035) and receiving TDs (10). He leads all rookies in receiving yards (fifth leaguewide) and receiving TDs (tied for ninth leaguewide). His 10 receiving TDs are a Bengals rookie record, and he is closing in on team rookie records for both catches and receiving yards (see "Chase gathering Bengals rookie records" on page 6). Chase has provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat and is tied for fourth leaguewide in catches of 40 or more yards (six). In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, Chase became the youngest Bengal (21 years, 195 days) ever to post 100 receiving yards, the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD, and his 50-yard TD catch at the end of the first half was the longest TD of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase posted a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards, and became the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game. With Burrow as his QB in 2019 at LSU, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), and won the prestigious Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Chase has been assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, 27-year-old **Tyler Boyd** is the veteran among a young group of Bengals receivers. So far this season, Boyd has 55 catches for 611 yards and two TDs. Boyd led the team in catches the last three seasons (2018-20), and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd has one 100-yard game this season (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville) and 10 for his career. Boyd also has five career games with at least 10 catches. Boyd, a 2016 second-round pick, signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. Returning this season after a terrific rookie year is second-year pro **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Higgins so far this season has 57 catches for 812 yards and four TDs, despite missing Games 3-4 due to a shoulder injury. In Game 11 vs. Pittsburgh, Higgins posted six catches for 114 yards and a TD; he also became the first Bengal since 2010 (Terrell Owens, seven) to catch six passes of at least 15 yards in a single game. In Game 12 vs. L.A. Chargers, Higgins posted another 100-plus yard receiving game (138) and scored a TD. Higgins extended his 100-plus yards receiving streak to three games (third-longest in team history) in Game 13 vs. San Francisco, when he had five catches for 114 yards. If Higgins reaches the 100 receiving yard mark this Sunday in Denver, he will extend his streak to four games and tie for the second longest streak in team history with WR Carl Pickens (see "Tee goes 3 x 100" on page 6). Last season, Higgins led Cincinnati in receiving yards (908) and tied for the franchise's rookie receptions record (67). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches have credited him for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Sixth-year pro **Mike D. Thomas** (not to be confused with Bengals S Michael J. Thomas) adds value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. Third-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, also adds depth at receiver and excels particularly as a blocker. Morgan also serves as one of Cincinnati's primary gunners on special teams, and has even seen action at KOR. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year

pro **Trenton Irwin**, who was signed off the practice squad on Sept. 15 and has since split time at punt returner. Irwin joined the Bengals midway through 2019 and has bounced between the practice squad and active roster.

Tight ends: **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has returned to action this year after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah this season is in the midst of a career year, and has a career-high five TDs. He has caught 37 passes for 407 yards this season, and also has been a key figure in some of Cincinnati's most important non-scoring plays of the year. In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, Uzomah caught a 32-yard pass on fourth-and-inches in OT to help set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. And in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville, Uzomah caught a career-high two TDs (since matched), and then with the game tied late, he took a jailbreak screen 25 yards deep into Jaguars territory to help set up the game-winning FG. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Uzomah had 91 yards receiving and caught TDs of 55 and 32 yards. **Drew Sample**, a 2019 second-round pick of the Bengals, is known as complete tight end with both receiving and blocking ability. Bengals coaches have called him one of the best blocking TEs in the league. After Uzomah's injury last season, Sample shouldered a heavier work load that saw him start 13 games, play more than 80 percent of the team's offensive snaps, and catch 40 passes and a TD. Also considered a complete TE prospect is **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals. Wilcox left college at USF in 2019 with every single-season and career receiving record for a TE, and also helped block for three different 1000-yard rushers.

Offensive linemen: Now in his second season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**, who has started every game this season. Williams missed his entire rookie season due to a shoulder injury, and then was limited by a right knee injury to 10 games in 2020. At ROT this season is 10th-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first nine NFL seasons with Detroit and Minnesota. Reiff has battled an ankle injury in recent weeks, and missed Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers. Reiff has played LOT for a majority of his career, with his one previous season as a full-time ROT coming in 2016 with Detroit. Reiff, though, told the local media after signing with Cincinnati that he welcomes the opportunity to play ROT in Cincinnati, and if needed would even move inside to G for the first time in his pro career. Cincinnati's starting C since 2019 has been **Trey Hopkins**, who originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in '14. Hopkins battled injuries and bounced between the practice squad and roster for his first three seasons, before settling into a regular role and gaining starting experience at all three interior OL spots. Hopkins suffered a torn left ACL in last season's finale, but he was medically cleared in time to participate in the first practice of training camp on July 28. Hopkins had started every game this year, until an ankle injury left him inactive for Game 12 vs. L.A. Chargers but returned to the starting role in Game 13 vs. San Francisco. Cincinnati's starter at LG is seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain**, who stands at a massive 6-4, 330 pounds. Undrafted out of college in 2015, Spain began his career with the Titans and Bills before joining the Bengals on waivers mid-season in 2020. Spain has remained at LG this year, but last season after joining Cincinnati he played in nine games (eight starts) and made starts at RG, LG and even ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, took over mid-season as the starter at RG and has earned praise from coaches for his consistent play. Adeniji spent the first eight games of the season on Reserve/Non-Football Injury (pectoral), but jumped into the starting lineup immediately upon returning in Game 9 vs. Cleveland. Adeniji was drafted as an OT, and played OT in college and as a rookie, so this season has been his first-ever at G. Rookie G **Jackson Carman**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in April's draft, started five games (Games 3-5, 7-8) at RG earlier this season, but has since moved to a reserve role. Another key reserve along the interior of the line is rookie C **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout blocker with good movement skills. Hill has two starts this season as an injury replacement — at RG in Game 6 at Detroit and at C in Game 12 vs. L.A. Chargers. The tallest Bengal on the roster this season is OT **Isaiah Prince** (6-7), who returns to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19. Prince has been used this year mainly as an extra blocker in heavy formations, but has seen action (one start) at ROT as an injury replacement. Prince originally was a sixth-round draft pick of the Dolphins in 2019, and then joined the Bengals on waivers later that year. Adding depth at OT is third-year pro **Fred Johnson**, who stands at an imposing 6-6, 325 pounds. Johnson has starts at both OT and G during his now three-year career in Cincinnati, but he has worked mostly at OT this season. Johnson primarily has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 4-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot.

Defensive linemen: Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fourth Bengals season, including his third as a

full-time starter, and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard's 24 career sacks are second-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents), and he's also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. Hubbard signed a contract extension in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. At the LDE is **Trey Hendrickson**, one of Cincinnati's most high-profile additions from free agency in March. Hendrickson this season has a team-high 12.5 sacks (tied for fifth in the NFL), which is more than double last season's team lead of 5.5. Hendrickson enters Sunday's game at Denver with a sack in nine consecutive games, the longest active streak in the NFL, the longest in Bengals history, and tied for the fourth-longest in NFL history. Hendrickson, though, exited last week's game vs. San Francisco with a back injury, and his status for this week's matchup at Denver is unknown. Hendrickson spent 2017-20 with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Hendrickson's 26 sacks since the beginning of 2020 are third-most leaguewide. Last year's high-profile addition in free agency was DT **D.J. Reader**, a 6-3, 347-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. Reader was limited to just five games last season due to a left quad injury, but he returned healthy this year and has two sacks. Lining up next to Reader is DT **Larry Ogunjobi**, who signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati in March. Ogunjobi has impressed so far this season, with 5.5 sacks and four additional tackles for losses. Ogunjobi spent his first four NFL seasons with Cleveland, where he played NT, however in Cincinnati he is playing three-technique DT, which he has called his "natural position." Also seeing regular action at three-technique DT is **B.J. Hill**, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants. Hill has 5.5 sacks on the season, which includes a two-sack performance in the season-opener less than two weeks after joining the Bengals. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in every possible game over his now four-year career. Back in the lineup this season is 6-3, 345-pound DT **Josh Tupou**, who opted out of last season due to COVID-19. Tupou was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2017, and has worked his way into the regular defensive rotation as a reliable run-stuffer. DE **Khalid Kareem**, a Bengals fifth-round pick in 2020, returned to action in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets, after beginning his second season on Cincinnati's Reserve/Injured list. Kareem played in all 16 games as a rookie (one sack), and this year he has again slid into a rotational DE role. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who has seen rotational action so far and has 1.5 sacks. Sample is known as a productive, versatile and high-energy player, and last season he was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football by Pro Football Focus. Bengals coaches say that Sample caught their eye during the 2021 Senior Bowl, where he earned Defensive MVP honors. Later in the fourth round, the Bengals selected 6-2, 350-pound DT **Tyler Shelvin**, a space-eater with a rare blend of strength and athleticism. Shelvin was a key player on LSU's defense during their national championship run in 2019, but he opted out of the '20 college season due to COVID-19. With veterans Reader and Tupou in the top two NT spots on the depth chart, Shelvin has played in just one game so far this season. Adding depth at DE is second-year pro **Wyatt Ray**, who was acquired on waivers from Tennessee on Sept. 1. Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Cleveland Browns in 2019, and has also spent time with Houston, Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Tennessee.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who is wearing the green dot this year as the defense's communicator. Wilson this season leads all NFL linebackers in INTs (four), and also leads Cincinnati in tackles (90). The last Bengals LB with three or more INTs in a season was Odell Thurman (five) in 2005. Wilson, though, suffered a right shoulder injury on Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers, and his status for this Sunday's game is unknown. Wilson was Cincinnati's third-round draft pick in 2020. **Germaine Pratt**, a 2019 third-round pick of the Bengals, has grown into a key contributor on defense after being considered a raw prospect coming out of the draft, due to switching from S to LB late in his college career. Pratt has 67 tackles, including five for losses, along with an INT, two PDs, two FFs and two FRs so far this season. In Cincinnati's season-opening win vs. Minnesota, Pratt made the defensive play of the game late in overtime when he forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook; the play thwarted Minnesota's potential game-winning drive, which had reached the Bengals' 38-yard line, and set up a Cincinnati drive that ended with a game-winning FG as time expired in OT. Pratt, who earned a starting LB spot midway through his rookie season, has drawn particular praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense. Second-year pro **Markus Bailey**, a 2020 seventh-round pick of the Bengals, has seen rotational action on defense this season. Bailey has drawn positive reviews from coaches this year after gradually working his way back from a serious

college knee injury during his rookie season. Sliding into a starting role in Wilson's absence has been second-year pro **Joe Bachie**, who joined Cincinnati on waivers in May. Bachie began 2021 on Cincinnati's practice squad but impressed in two games as a game-day elevation, so he was signed to the active roster in Week 8. The Bengals' depth at LB has been tested this season by injuries and COVID-19 issues, so over their bye (Week 10), they added to their LB room by acquiring second-year pro **Clay Johnston** on waivers from Carolina. Johnston, though, was placed on Reserve/COVID-19 on Dec. 13, and his status for Sunday's game at Denver is unknown. The 6-1, 232-pounder was a seventh-round pick of the Rams in 2020, and has been used mainly on special teams.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates III**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is a team captain and is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates so far this season has 74 tackles (third on team), an INT (65-yard return) and a FR (46-yard return). Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and started the first 51 games of his career — that's three seasons plus three games — until a neck injury broke the streak and held him out of Cincinnati's Sept. 30 matchup vs. Jacksonville. Bates, though, returned to the lineup the following week and hasn't missed a game since. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20). Next to Bates at S is sixth-year pro **Vonn Bell**, who joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four years with New Orleans. Bell, a team captain, has 81 tackles (second on team), including five for losses and a half sack, along with five PDs, three FFs and a FR. Last year, in his first season with the Bengals, Bell played all 1059 defensive snaps and led the team in both tackles (114) and FFs (three). Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team brought in an influx of reinforcements at the position. The most high-profile of those additions is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who signed as an unrestricted free agent and is under contract through the 2023 season, has impressed with his coverage and tackling ability this season, and has 47 tackles, 12 PDs and two INTs. Awuzie missed Game 4 vs. Jacksonville due to a groin injury, but returned to action the following week. The second free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered among the top slot CBs in the NFL. Hilton, who is under contract through the 2024 season, is among the smallest players on the roster at 5-9, 184 pounds, but he is known as a sure tackler and outstanding blitzer. Hilton had a 24-yard pick-six in Game 11 vs. Pittsburgh, his former team, and he said it was first-career pick-six at any level dating back to pee-wee football. Another veteran CB addition is **Eli Apple**, a former first-round pick of the Giants. Apple brings familiarity with Bell, whom he played alongside in college at Ohio State, as well as with defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who was his position coach with the Giants in 2018. Injuries in the Bengals' defensive backfield have thrust Apple into a starting role, so he has started all but one game this season and has two INTs. The most physically imposing member of the secondary is 6-3, 203-pound CB **Tre Flowers**, who joined Cincinnati on waivers from Seattle in October. Flowers has filled a rotational role for the Bengals, and mostly has been used to cover TEs in passing situations. Another mid-season addition in the mix is CB **Vernon Hargreaves III**, whom the Bengals acquired on waivers from Houston on Nov. 4. Hargreaves was a first-round pick of the Buccaneers in 2016, and adds depth and experience in the secondary. Another mid-season acquisition is veteran S **Michael J. Thomas** (not to be confused with WR Mike D. Thomas), who originally was a college free agent signee of the 49ers back in 2012, and has 101 games of NFL experience with five teams (including Cincinnati). Thomas is known for his impact on special teams, and has either led or finished second on his team in special teams tackles in six of the last seven seasons (outlier was in injury shortened 2020 season). Adding experience at CB is **Darius Phillips**, a 2018 sixth-round pick who has proven to be a playmaker in the secondary when healthy. In 2019, Phillips he led the team in INTs (four) despite playing only 108 snaps on defense. Phillips, who fills a rotational role on defense, also has been used on PRs and KORs this season. CB **Jalen Davis** joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was thrust into action quickly while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. Davis, who previously spent time with the Dolphins and Cardinals, drew praise from coaches during his six games of action in 2020, and signed a contract extension with the Bengals in March.

Special teams: Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster **Kevin Huber** is handling the Bengals' punting duties for the 13th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. So far this season, Huber is averaging 46.3 gross yards on punts, and 40.9 net yards. Huber is considered the top punter in team history, and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (963), punting yards (43,629), gross average (45.31), net

average (40.25) and inside-20 punts (333). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and last season posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Huber has played in 203 career games, third-most in team history, and is closing in on leaders Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS **Clark Harris** (37 years old), who joined the Bengals early in 2009 and has snapped to Huber nearly his entire career. Harris has been a paragon of reliability for Cincinnati, and has never had an unplayable snap in 1812 career attempts (960 punts, 850 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has played in 197 career games as a Bengal. Among the youngest players on the roster is 21-year-old rookie K **Evan McPherson**, whom the Bengals selected in the fifth round of April's draft. McPherson has already made a significant impact, and has two game-winning "walk-off" FGs with no time remaining. The first came in

overtime of Game 1 vs. Minnesota — his NFL debut — when he nailed a 33-yarder; the second was in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville on Thursday Night Football, and came from 35 yards out as time expired in regulation. McPherson has said that entering this season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. McPherson has made 37 of 39 PATs and 21 of 25 FGs this season. He has been particularly effective from long range, netting seven field goals of at least 50 yards, tied for the current league lead and already the most ever by a Bengal in a season. In Cincinnati's Game 10 win at Las Vegas, McPherson made four FGs, including an NFL-record tying three from 50-plus yards (54, 53, 51). CB **Darius Phillips**, WR **Trenton Irwin**, and WR **Tyler Boyd** have split PR duties this season. And after Cincinnati's No. 1 KOR Brandon Wilson was lost for the season with an injury in November, Phillips, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Pooka Williams** have each gotten chances on kickoff returns. The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including HB **Samaje Perine**, S **Michael J. Thomas**, Morgan and WR **Mike D. Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

2021
Dec. 14 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, TBD.
Dec. 14-15 — Special League Meeting, TBD.

2022
Jan. 8 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
Jan. 10 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season.
Jan. 10 — NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jan. 10 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2019 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2020. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
Jan. 10 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2019 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 10, 2022, but prior to May 3, 2022 (i.e., not later than May 2).
Jan. 10 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2021 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2022 Team Salary.
Jan. 15-16 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
Jan. 17 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2022 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 21.
Jan. 22 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
Jan. 22-23 — Divisional Playoff Games.
Jan. 28 — HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
Jan. 30 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 8, 2022.
Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury

Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing.
Feb. 1 — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Feb. 3 — East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 5 — Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala.
Feb. 6 — NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 8 — Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2021 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2022 season or who have an option for the 2022 season are not eligible to be signed.
Feb. 13 — Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.
Feb. 14 — Waiver system begins for 2022. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.) Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.
Feb. 14 — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.
Feb. 19 — HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La.
Feb. 21 — Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Feb. 22 — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.
March 1-7 — NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
March 8 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
March 10 — Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season.
March 14-16 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 14 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2021 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.
March 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for

(Important dates, continued)

	2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts.	April 20	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.	April 22	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2021 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	April 27	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
March 16	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.	April 27	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
March 16	— All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.	April 28-30	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
March 16	— The 2022 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern.	May 2	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "UFA Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
	The first day of the 2022 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.	May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft.
March 16	— Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts.	May 6-9 or May 13-16	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Monday.
March 16	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2022 and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2022, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).	May 16	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
March 18	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	May 19-22 (Tentative)	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
March 27-30	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.	May 23-25	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.
March 31	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.	June 1	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "June 1 Tender" to its unsigned Restricted Free Agents who received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only in order for such player to be subject to the CBA's "June 15 Tender" provision.
April 4	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.	June 2	— For any player removed from the Club's roster or whose contract is assigned via waivers or trade on or after June 2, any unamortized Signing Bonus amounts for future years will be included fully in Team Salary at the start of the 2022 League Year.
April 18	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.	June 15	— Deadline for club to withdraw Qualifying Offer to Restricted Free Agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting "June 15 Tender" of one-year contract at 110 percent of the player's prior-year Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior-year contract carried forward unchanged).
		Late June	— Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs.

THE LAST BENGALS-BRONCOS MEETINGS

**2017 SEASON
WEEK 11, GAME 10**

**Cincinnati Bengals 20, Denver Broncos 17
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 at Sports Authority Field at Mile High**

It wasn't a picture-perfect for the Bengals, but they made big plays when they needed them, and they were enough to snap a 10-game losing streak in Denver, where they had not won since 1975. That list of plays included a 101-yard INT return by CB Dre Kirkpatrick in the first quarter (it was the longest in NFL history not to result in a TD), QB Andy Dalton hitting WR Alex Erickson for a 29-yard TD in the second quarter (it was Erickson's first career score), CB KeiVarae Russell blocking a Broncos FG attempt on the last play of the first half, LB Vontaze Burfict forcing a fumble the Bengals recovered early in the fourth quarter, Dalton rushing on an option play for a critical first down to extend a drive and take more time off the clock late in the game, and DE Carlos Dunlap recording his second sack of the game as the clock ran inside of two minutes to help dash Denver's chances. Despite that lengthy list, Cincinnati still had difficulties. On offense, the Bengals totaled just 190 net yards, including just 49 rushing, and 12 first downs. Not counting two kneel-downs at the end of the game, they had nine rushing plays that went for either zero or negative yards (three for zero, six for negative). And, the Bengals' defense allowed the Broncos to convert 12 of 21 third downs (57.1). Dalton finished the game completing 15 of 25 passes for 154 yards, three TDs and no INTs (117.3 passer rating), and all three of his TD passes came on third downs. The Bengals improved to 4-6, while the Broncos fell to 3-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	6	7	0	7	—	20
Denver.....	7	0	3	7	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Kroft 1 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed, WL)	1-7:06
Den. — C.Anderson 3 run (B.McManus kick)	1-0:41
Cin. — A.Erickson 29 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-12:55
Den. — B.McManus 45 field goal	3-4:54
Cin. — A.Green 18 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	4-8:56
Den. — D.Thomas 17 pass from B.Osweiler (B.McManus kick)	4-5:05

Missed FGs: B.McManus (61B). **Attendance:** 75,707. **Time:** 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DEN.
First downs.....	12	20
Third down conversions-attempts	7-15	12-21
Total net yards.....	190	341
Net yards rushing.....	49	112
Net yards passing.....	141	229
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	25-15-0	42-23-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-13	3-25
Punts-average.....	8-39.8	5-44.4
Punt returns-yards.....	1-4	3-13
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	3-14	5-50
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	1-1
Time of possession.....	24:49	35:11

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DEN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	20	49	8	0	D.Booker	14	44	8	0
A.Dalton	3	4	6	0	C.Anderson	13	37	7	1
G.Bernard	3	-4	4	0	B.Osweiler	4	24	12	0
					J.Charles	3	7	3	0
TOTALS	26	49	8	0	TOTALS	34	112	12	1

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DEN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	25	15	154	3-0	B.Osweiler	42	23	254	1-1
TOTALS	25	15	154	3-0	TOTALS	42	23	254	1-1

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DEN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	4	50	18t	1	D.Thomas	5	64	17t	1
B.LaFell	3	37	29	0	D.Booker	5	54	21	0
A.Erickson	2	42	29t	1	A.Traylor	4	36	13	0
T.Kroft	2	12	11	1	C.Anderson	2	19	13	0
J.Mixon	2	0	1	0	E.Sanders	2	15	10	0
G.Bernard	1	8	8	0	V.Green	2	13	8	0
T.Boyd	1	5	5	0	C.Latimer	1	21	21	0
					B.Fowler	1	18	18	0
					J.Taylor	1	14	14	0
TOTALS	15	154	29	3	TOTALS	23	254	21	1

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 10-2-12, D.Dennard 8-0-8, N.Vigil 6-0-6, G.Iloka 3-3-6, J.Shaw 3-2-5, C.Dunlap 4-0-4, D.Kirkpatrick 4-0-4, M.Johnson 3-1-4, S.Williams 3-1-4, R.Glasgow 3-0-3, V.Rey 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-1-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, C.Smith 1-0-1, A.Billings 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 2-13, V.Burfict 0-5-6, C.Lawson 0-5-6. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Kirkpatrick 1-101. **PD:** D.Kirkpatrick 3, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1, G.Iloka 1, J.Shaw 1. **FF:** V.Burfict 1. **FR.-YDS.:** S.Williams 1-0.

Denver (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Peko 5-1-6, J.Simmons 5-0-5, D.Wolfe 5-0-5, T.Davis 3-2-5, A.Talib 4-0-4, B.Marshall 3-0-3, W.Parks 1-2-3, V.Miller 2-0-2, S.Ray 2-0-2, A.Gotsis 1-1-2, S.Barrett 1-0-1, C.Harris 1-0-1, S.Harris 1-0-1, D.Stewart 1-0-1, B.Roby 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Ray 1-8, D.Wolfe 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Gotsis 2, V.Miller 1, A.Talib 1. **FF:** A.Talib 1. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**2018 SEASON
WEEK 13, GAME 12**

**Denver Broncos 24, Cincinnati Bengals 10
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 at Paul Brown Stadium**

QB Jeff Driskel made his first career NFL start, after starter Andy Dalton was placed on Reserve/Injured earlier in the week due to a thumb injury suffered in the previous game. The Bengals' offense, however, managed just 10 points, and the team fell to its former DBs coach Vance Joseph, in his second season as Broncos head coach. Driskel completed 25 of 37 passes (67.6 percent) for 236 yards, one TD and one INT (80.6 rating) in his debut as a starter, but the Bengals committed 12 penalties and had three costly turnovers. Denver was led by rookie RB Phillip Lindsay, who rushed for 157 yards and two TDs, including a 65-yarder in the third quarter to give the Broncos a 21-3 lead. WR A.J. Green, who had missed the previous three contests with a toe injury, returned to action but left early in the second quarter after re-aggravating the injury. The Bengals fell to 5-7 while the Broncos improved to 6-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Denver.....	0	7	14	3	—	24
Cincinnati.....	0	3	7	0	—	10

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Den. — P.Lindsay 6 run (B.McManus kick)	2-1:56
Cin. — R.Bullock 35 field goal	2-0:12
Den. — C.Sutton 30 pass from C.Keenum (B.McManus kick)	3-11:27
Den. — P.Lindsay 65 run (B.McManus kick)	3-7:35
Cin. — C.Core 30 pass from J.Driskel (R.Bullock kick)	3-2:45
Den. — B.McManus 29 field goal.....	4-0:23

Missed FGs: McManus (50WL). **Attendance:** 44,392. **Time:** 3:13.

TEAM STATISTICS	DEN.	CIN.
First downs.....	16	20
Third down conversions-attempts	5-13	5-13
Total net yards.....	361	311
Net yards rushing.....	218	111
Net yards passing.....	143	202
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	21-12-0	37-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-8	4-34
Punts-average.....	6-43.3	7-43.3
Punt returns-yards.....	3-6	2-4
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	1-29
Penalties-yards.....	7-60	12-100
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	2-2
Time of possession.....	28:40	31:20

RUSHING									
DEN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
P.Lindsay	19	157	65t	2	J.Mixon	12	82	23	0
R.Freeman	12	48	10	0	G.Bernard	5	14	4	0
C.Keenum	2	9	10	0	M.Walton	1	10	10	0
D.Booker	1	4	4	0	J.Driskel	3	3	5	0
					J.Ross	1	2	2	0
					A.Erickson	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	218	65	2	TOTALS	23	111	23	0

PASSING									
DEN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Keenum	21	12	151	1-0	J.Driskel	37	25	236	1-1
TOTALS	21	12	151	1-0	TOTALS	37	25	236	1-1

RECEIVING									
DEN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Sutton	4	85	30t	1	T.Boyd	6	97	23	0
E.Sanders	4	19	14	0	G.Bernard	6	32	16	0
D.Booker	2	38	30	0	C.Uzomah	5	33	20	0
A.Janovich	1	7	7	0	J.Ross	2	13	11	0
P.Lindsay	1	2	2	0	J.Mixon	2	13	9	0
					C.Core	1	30	30t	1
					M.Lengel	1	9	9	0
					A.Green	1	7	7	0
					A.Erickson	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	12	151	30t	1	TOTALS	25	236	30t	1

Denver (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Davis 9-1-10, J.Simmons 7-2-9, S.Cravens 4-2-6, J.Jones 4-0-4, B.Chubb 3-0-3, D.Stewart 3-0-3, I.Yiadam 3-0-3, A.Gotsis 2-1-3, V.Miller 2-1-3, B.Roby 1-2-3, W.Parks 2-0-2, S.Harris 1-1-2, K.Bierria 1-0-1, C.Harris 1-0-1, J.Jewell 1-0-1, D.Wolfe 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Harris 1.5-12.5, V.Miller 1.5-10.5, B.Chubb 1-11. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Simmons 1-8. **PD:** A.Gotsis 1, B.Roby 1, J.Simmons 1. **FF:** B.Chubb 1. **FR.-YDS.:** B.Chubb 1-4.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Williams 7-2-9, D.Kirkpatrick 5-0-5, J.Evans 3-2-5, A.Billings 2-3-5, H.Nickerson 3-1-4, M.Johnson 2-2-4, D.Dennard 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, J.Bates 2-0-2, V.Burfict 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 2-0-2, C.Ringo 2-0-2, N.Vigil 0-2-2, W.Jackson 1-0-1, N.Scott 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Willis 1-7, S.Hubbard 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Evans 1, W.Jackson 1. **FF:** H.Nickerson 1. **FR.-YDS.:** N.Vigil 1-0.

2021 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Minnesota Vikings 24 (OT) Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

Bengals QB Joe Burrow, who was less than 10 months removed from a left knee injury that ended his rookie season, showed few signs of rust, posting career-highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67). HB Joe Mixon, whose 2020 season also ended early due to injury, rushed for 127 yards and a TD on 29 carries. Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase impressed in his NFL debut with five catches for 101 yards, including a 50-yard TD. Minnesota closed a 14-point second-half deficit and sent the game to OT with a 53-yard FG at the end of regulation. Late in OT, LB Germaine Pratt forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook, setting up a seven-play, 46-yard drive that was highlighted by a 32-yard pass from Burrow to TE C.J. Uzomah on fourth-and-inches. Rookie K Evan McPherson, making his NFL debut, then nailed a 33-yard FG as time expired to give Cincinnati the win. The game was the first in NFL history with a game-tying FG with no time left in regulation, and a game-winning FG with no time left in OT. Cincinnati moved to 1-0, and Minnesota dropped to 0-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Minnesota.....	0	7	7	10	0	24
Cincinnati.....	0	14	7	3	3	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Minn. — A.Thielen 5 pass from K.Cousins (G.Joseph kick).....	2-6:39
Cin. — T.Higgins 2 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-1:47
Cin. — J.Chase 50 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-0:35
Cin. — J.Mixon 2 run (E.McPherson kick).....	3-9:15
Minn. — A.Thielen 24 pass from K.Cousins (G.Joseph kick).....	3-2:24
Cin. — E.McPherson 53 field goal.....	4-14:13
Minn. — D.Cook 1 run (G.Joseph kick).....	4-9:23
Minn. — G.Joseph 53 field goal.....	4-0:00
Cin. — E.McPherson 33 field goal.....	5-0:00

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 56,525. **Time:** 3:38.

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN.	CIN.
First downs.....	24	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-16	3-14
Total net yards.....	403	366
Net yards rushing.....	67	149
Net yards passing.....	336	217
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	50-37-0	27-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-26	5-44
Punts-average.....	8-50.3	7-47.4
Punt returns-yards.....	1-12	5-53
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-21	1-11
Penalties-yards.....	12-116	3-15
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	35:09	34:51

RUSHING

MINN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
D.Cook	20	61	17	1	J.Mixon	29	127	19	1
A.Abdullah	1	4	4	0	S.Perine	5	22	13	0
A.Mattison	1	2	2	0	J.Burrow	1	2	2	0
					J.Chase	1	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	22	67	17	1	TOTALS	36	149	19	1

PASSING

MINN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
K.Cousins	49	36	351	2-0	J.Burrow	27	20	261	2-0
J.Jefferson	1	1	11	0-0					
TOTALS	50	37	362	2-0	TOTALS	27	20	261	2-0

RECEIVING

MINN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Thielen	9	92	24t	2	J.Chase	5	101	50t	1
K.Osborn	7	76	25	0	T.Higgins	4	58	28	1
D.Cook	6	43	9	0	J.Mixon	4	23	12	0
J.Jefferson	5	71	34	0	T.Boyd	3	32	18	0
T.Conklin	4	41	27	0	C.Uzomah	2	35	32	0
A.Abdullah	2	15	10	0	S.Perine	1	7	7	0
C.Ham	2	9	6	0	M.Thomas	1	5	5	0
D.Westbrook	1	11	11	0					
A.Mattison	1	4	4	0					
TOTALS	37	362	34	2	TOTALS	20	261	50t	2

DEFENSE

Minnesota (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** E.Kendricks 6-9-15, N.Vigil 8-2-10, B.Breeland 5-2-7, M.Pierce 3-4-7, H.Smith 5-1-6, D.Hunter 3-3-6, X.Woods 4-1-5, D.Tomlinson 2-2-4, S.Weatherly 2-1-3, K.Boyd 2-0-2, D.Wonnum 1-1-2, B.Lynch 0-2-2, M.Alexander 1-0-1, P.Peterson 1-0-1, A.Watts 1-0-1, S.Richardson 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** M.Pierce 2-14, N.Vigil 1-12, H.Smith 1-10, D.Hunter 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** M.Alexander 1, X.Woods 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 6-3-9, G.Pratt 6-2-8, V.Bell 4-3-7, L.Wilson 4-3-7, E.Apple 6-0-6, C.Awuzie 4-2-6, M.Hilton 4-2-6, L.Ogunjobi 4-2-6, R.Allen 2-3-5, B.Hill 3-0-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, D.Reader 0-3-3, J.Evans 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1. **SKS-YDS.:** B.Hill 2-17, L.Ogunjobi 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Awuzie 2. **FF:** G.Pratt 1. **FR-YDS.:** G.Pratt 1-0.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Chicago Bears 20, Cincinnati Bengals 17 Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 at Soldier Field

The visiting Bengals allowed the fewest total yards (206) by a Cincinnati defense in seven years, but the offense struggled to protect the football and find the scoreboard. Bengals QB Joe Burrow threw three INTs — including a pick-six — on consecutive attempts in the fourth quarter, helping the Bears to a comfortable 17-point margin late. But Burrow connected with rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase for a 42-yard score with 4:39 remaining, and then an INT by Bengals LB Logan Wilson on the ensuing possession set up a seven-yard TD from Burrow to WR Tee Higgins on the next play to cut the margin to just three. Burrow was the first NFL player in 20 years with INTs on three consecutive plays and TD passes on two consecutive plays in the same game (Steelers QB Kordell Stewart on Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati). The Bengals' comeback bid fell short though, as Bears rookie QB Justin Fields, who was filling in for injured starter Andy Dalton, led Chicago to two first downs as the Bears ran out the clock and hung on for a 20-17 win. Cincinnati dropped to 1-1, while Chicago improved to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	3	14	—	17
Chicago.....	7	0	0	13	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Chi. — A.Robinson 11 pass from A.Dalton (C.Santos kick).....	1-9:58
Cin. — E.McPherson 53 field goal.....	3-8:22
Chi. — C.Santos 28 field goal.....	4-14:52
Chi. — R.Smith 53 interception return (C.Santos kick).....	4-10:55
Chi. — C.Santos 22 field goal.....	4-6:40
Cin. — J.Chase 42 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-4:39
Cin. — T.Higgins 7 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-3:39

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 60,840. **Time:** 2:55.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CHI.
First downs.....	14	16
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-13	6-15
Total net yards.....	248	206
Net yards rushing.....	69	123
Net yards passing.....	179	83
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-19-3	24-15-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-28	3-33
Punts-average.....	2-37.5	4-42.3
Punt returns-yards.....	1-15	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-54	1-10
Penalties-yards.....	4-57	8-70
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	1-0
Time of possession.....	28:39	31:21

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	20	69	10	0	D.Montgomery	20	61	11	0
					J.Fields	10	31	10	0
					A.Dalton	2	25	14	0
					D.Williams	2	6	6	0
TOTALS	20	69	10	0	TOTALS	34	123	14	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CHI.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	30	19	207	2-3	J.Fields	13	6	60	0-1
					A.Dalton	11	9	56	1-0
TOTALS	30	19	207	2-3	TOTALS	24	15	116	1-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	7	73	22	0	D.Mooney	6	66	21	0
T.Higgins	6	60	14	1	D.Montgomery	3	18	10	0
J.Chase	2	54	42t	1	A.Robinson	2	24	13	1
C.Uzomah	2	4	3	0	D.Williams	2	-2	3	0
C.Evans	1	14	14	0	M.Goodwin	1	10	10	0
J.Mixon	1	2	2	0	C.Kmet	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	207	42	2	TOTALS	15	116	21	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Wilson 2-7-9, S.Hubbard 6-2-8, V.Bell 5-1-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, L.Ogunjobi 1-3-4, E.Apple 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, T.Hendrickson 1-2-3, D.Reader 1-2-3, C.Awuzie 2-0-2, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-1-2, W.Ray 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 1.5-20.5, D.Reader 1-8, S.Hubbard 0.5-4.5. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Wilson 1-18. **PD:** E.Apple 1, C.Awuzie 1, V.Bell 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** T.Hendrickson 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Chicago (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Smith 5-4-9, D.Shelley 5-1-6, A.Hicks 3-1-4, E.Jackson 3-1-4, B.Nichols 3-1-4, K.Vildor 3-1-4, R.Quinn 3-0-3, A.Blackson 2-1-3, Ta.Gipson 2-1-3, A.Ogletree 1-2-3, J.Johnson 2-0-2, D.Houston-Carson 1-1-2, K.Mack 1-1-2. **SKS-YDS.:** R.Quinn 2-8, R.Smith 1-8, K.Mack 1-6, B.Nichols 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Smith 1-53, A.Blackson 1-6, J.Johnson 1-3. **PD:** J.Johnson 4, A.Blackson 1, A.Ogletree 1, R.Smith 1, K.Vildor 1. **FF:** E.Jackson 1. **FR-YDS.:** Ta.Gipson 1-13.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Pittsburgh Steelers 10
Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at Heinz Field

The Steelers were without numerous starters due to injury, including All-Pro OLB T.J. Watt, and the Bengals took full advantage. Bengals QB Joe Burrow completed 77.8 percent of his passes, tossed three TDs to just one INT, and posted a 122.9 passer rating. He averaged 9.6 yards per attempt through the air, while HB Joe Mixon averaged 5.0 yards per carry on the ground. Rookie Ja'Marr Chase scored two TDs, including a 34-yarder down the sideline before the half to give Cincinnati the lead for good. The Bengals also held the Steelers without a sack, breaking Pittsburgh's NFL-record streak of 75 straight games with a sack. Defensively, the Bengals applied constant pressure to Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger, sacking him four times and hitting him three more. LB Logan Wilson picked off Roethlisberger twice, and both instances led to Burrow TD passes. Cincinnati cruised to a 24-10 win and improved to 2-1, while Pittsburgh dropped to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	7	10	0	—	24
Pittsburgh.....	0	7	0	3	—	10

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Boyd 17 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	1-2:54
Pitt. — P.Freiermuth 4 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick).....	2-1:04
Cin. — J.Chase 34 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-0:37
Cin. — E.McPherson 43 field goal.....	3-8:47
Cin. — J.Chase 9 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-6:18
Pitt. — C.Boswell 26 field goal.....	4-8:09

Missed FGs: C.Boswell (42W). **Attendance:** 58,076. **Time:** 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs.....	12	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-9	9-19
Total net yards.....	268	342
Net yards rushing.....	96	45
Net yards passing.....	172	297
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	18-14-1	58-38-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	4-21
Punts-average.....	5-48.2	4-40.5
Punt returns-yards.....	2-9	1-14
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-53	1-22
Penalties-yards.....	10-89	10-73
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	24:38	35:22

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	18	90	27	0	N.Harris	14	40	20	0
J.Burrow	5	7	8	0	B.Roethlisberger	1	5	5	0
S.Perine	1	-1	-1	0					
TOTALS	24	96	27	0	TOTALS	15	45	20	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	18	14	172	3-1	B.Roethlisberger	58	38	318	1-2
TOTALS	18	14	172	3-1	TOTALS	58	38	318	1-2

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Chase	4	65	34t	2	N.Harris	14	102	21	0
T.Boyd	4	36	17t	1	C.Claypool	9	96	29	0
C.Evans	2	26	14	0	R.McCloud	3	33	24	0
M.Thomas	1	19	19	0	J.Smith-Schuster	3	25	16	0
A.Tate	1	14	14	0	P.Freiermuth	3	22	15	1
S.Perine	1	8	8	0	J.Washington	3	20	8	0
J.Mixon	1	4	4	0	C.White	2	17	11	0
					D.Watt	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	14	172	34t	3	TOTALS	38	318	29	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Wilson 6-8-14, J.Bates 6-3-9, E.Apple 4-4-8, A.Davis-Gaither 5-2-7, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, G.Pratt 2-4-6, M.Hilton 3-2-5, D.Phillips 3-2-5, V.Bell 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, J.Evans 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Hubbard 1-8, B.Hill 1-5, C.Sample 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Wilson 2-13. **PD:** L.Wilson 2, E.Apple 1, V.Bell 1. **FF:** V.Bell 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Schobert 4-1-5, T.Edmunds 2-3-5, C.Heyward 1-4-5, M.Fitzpatrick 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Norwood 3-0-3, M.Ingram 2-1-3, I.Buggs 1-2-3, A.Maulet 2-0-2, C.Sutton 2-0-2, J.Haden 1-1-2, D.Tuszka 1-1-2, D.Bush 0-2-2, I.Loudermilk 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** T.Edmunds 1-15. **PD:** T.Edmunds 1, J.Pierre 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Jacksonville Jaguars 21
Thursday night, Sept. 30, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The game featured the previous two No. 1 overall picks in Cincinnati second-year QB Joe Burrow and Jacksonville rookie QB Trevor Lawrence. The Jaguars owned the first half, racking up 15 first downs and 240 total yards en route to a 14-0 halftime lead. The turning point for Cincinnati came with a minute left in the first half, when LB Logan Wilson tackled Lawrence at the one-yard line on a fourth down to prevent a halftime deficit of 21. In the second half, Burrow led a comeback that saw Cincinnati score on all four possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG). Burrow completed 17 of his 20 second-half attempts (85 percent) for 253 yards and two TDs (152.1 rating). With just over a minute left and the score tied 21-21, Burrow made what was perhaps the play of the game when he audibled into a jailbreak screen that went to TE C.J. Uzomah, who ran it for 25 yards to the Jacksonville 21-yard line. That play set up a 35-yard, game-winning FG by K Evan McPherson two plays later. At halftime of the game, the Bengals inducted four people as part of their inaugural Ring of Honor class — founder/GM/head coach Paul Brown, OT Anthony Munoz, QB Ken Anderson and CB Ben Riley. Cincinnati improved to 3-1, while Jacksonville fell to 0-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Jacksonville.....	7	7	0	7	—	21
Cincinnati.....	0	0	14	10	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Jax. — J.Robinson 6 run (M.Wright kick).....	1-1:28
Jax. — T.Lawrence 7 run (M.Wright kick).....	2-4:45
Cin. — C.Uzomah 22 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-13:12
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 run (E.McPherson kick).....	3-5:10
Jax. — J.Robinson 4 run (M.Wright kick).....	4-14:27
Cin. — C.Uzomah 31 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-8:59
Cin. — E.McPherson 35 field goal.....	4-0:00

Missed FGs: E.McPherson (43W). **Attendance:** 63,198. **Time:** 2:59.

TEAM STATISTICS	JAX.	CIN.
First downs.....	21	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-12	5-9
Total net yards.....	341	420
Net yards rushing.....	139	78
Net yards passing.....	202	342
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	24-17-0	32-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-2	1-6
Punts-average.....	4-45.8	3-47.3
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	2-9
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-27	2-43
Penalties-yards.....	2-10	6-38
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	28:45	31:15

RUSHING

JAX.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Robinson	18	78	20	2	J.Mixon	16	67	11	1
T.Lawrence	8	36	11	1	S.Perine	3	7	4	0
L.Shenault	1	11	11	0	J.Burrow	3	4	4	0
J.Agnew	1	11	11	0					
D.Ogunbowale	2	3	2	0					
TOTALS	30	139	20	3	TOTALS	22	78	11	1

PASSING

JAX.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Lawrence	24	17	204	0-0	J.Burrow	32	25	348	2-0
TOTALS	24	17	204	0-0	TOTALS	32	25	348	2-0

RECEIVING

JAX.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
L.Shenault	6	99	52	0	T.Boyd	9	118	33	0
M.Jones	3	24	10	0	J.Chase	6	77	44	0
D.Arnold	2	29	17	0	C.Uzomah	5	95	31t	2
J.Agnew	1	27	27	0	T.Irwin	1	25	25	0
T.Austin	1	8	8	0	A.Tate	1	18	18	0
C.Manhertz	1	7	7	0	S.Perine	1	15	15	0
L.Farrell	1	7	7	0	J.Mixon	1	0	0	0
J.Hollister	1	5	5	0	M.Thomas	1	0	0	0
J.Robinson	1	-2	-2	0					
TOTALS	17	204	52	0	TOTALS	25	348	44	2

DEFENSE

Jacksonville (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Campbell 4-5-9, R.Jenkins 3-4-7, M.Jack 2-5-7, A.Wingard 4-2-6, D.Wilson 3-3-6, T.Herndon 5-0-5, S.Griffin 4-0-4, M.Brown 1-3-4, A.Gotsis 2-1-3, D.Hamilton 2-1-3, J.Allen 1-1-2, K.Chaisson 1-0-1, R.Ford 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Gotsis 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Allen 1, S.Griffin 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Wilson 4-6-10, G.Pratt 5-4-9, S.Hubbard 4-2-6, D.Reader 1-5-6, V.Bell 3-2-5, T.Waynes 4-0-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, B.Wilson 1-1-2, B.Hill 0-2-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** L.Wilson 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** E.Apple 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Green Bay Packers 25, Cincinnati Bengals 22 (OT) Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The host Bengals and visiting Packers combined to miss six placekicks, including five FGs, but Packers K Mason Crosby broke the run of misses and nailed a 49-yarder late in OT to secure a Green Bay win. The Packers racked up 466 total yards, including 206 receiving yards from WR Davante Adams, but the Bengals' defense held them to just two TDs on five total trips to the red zone. Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase had a big day of his own, posting the second-most receiving yards (159) ever by a Cincinnati rookie. The highlight of the day came just before halftime, when Bengals QB Joe Burrow connected with Chase on a 70-yard TD that drew the Bengals within two points. Cincinnati tied the game with 3:27 left in the fourth quarter, but McPherson missed a potential go-ahead 57-yard FG with 26 seconds left, and then Crosby missed from 51 yards as time expired. In OT, Crosby missed from 40 yards and McPherson from 49, before Crosby finally converted with 1:55 remaining. Green Bay improved to 4-1, while Cincinnati fell to 3-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Green Bay: 0, 16, 3, 3, 3, 25. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 0, 8, 0, 22.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like S.Perine 4 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-1:25, G.B. - A.Dillon 12 pass from Aa.Rodgers (kick failed, HLU) 2-11:45, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Crosby (36WL, 51WL, 40WL), E.McPherson (57RU, 49WL). Attendance: 64,195. Time: 3:22.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing G.B. and CIN. stats like First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns G.B., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: G.B. 22, 133, 57, 0; CIN. 24, 103, 11, 1.

PASSING table with columns G.B., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Totals: G.B. 39, 27, 344, 2-1; CIN. 38, 26, 281, 2-2.

RECEIVING table with columns G.B., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: G.B. 27, 344, 59, 2; CIN. 26, 281, 70t, 2.

DEFENSE Green Bay (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Amos 6-3-9, D.Campbell 5-4-9, D.Savage 5-1-6, K.Barnes 3-3-6, K.Clark 3-3-6, K.King 4-1-5, R.Gary 1-4-5, E.Stokes 3-1-4, P.Smith 1-3-4, C.Sullivan 2-0-2, O.Burks 1-1-2, K.Keke 0-2-2, T.Lancaster 0-2-2, D.Lowry 0-2-2, T.Slaton 0-2-2, I.Yiandom 1-0-1, H.Black 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Barnes 1-8, P.Smith 1-7, D.Lowry 0.5-1, T.Slaton 0.5-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Campbell 1-13, A.Amos 1-0. PD: D.Lowry 2, A.Amos 1, D.Campbell 1, E.Stokes 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 8-1-9, V.Bell 8-1-9, C.Awuzie 5-1-6, L.Wilson 3-3-6, G.Pratt 4-1-5, D.Reader 2-3-5, M.Hilton 3-1-4, T.Hendrickson 2-2-4, B.Hill 1-3-4, J.Tupou 0-3-3, A.Davis-Gaither 1-1-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Waynes 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1, C.Sample 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 2-11. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-42. PD: C.Awuzie 2, M.Hilton 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 6, GAME 6

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Detroit Lions 11 Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 at Ford Field

The visiting Bengals cruised to a 23-point win, good for their largest margin of victory in four seasons. Rookie HB Chris Evans caught a 24-yard TD on Cincinnati's first offensive possession, but the offense struggled for much of the rest of the first half. Cincinnati's defense picked up the slack though, holding the Lions scoreless in the first two quarters while allowing just 51 total yards. Cincinnati led just 10-0 at halftime, but in the second half the offense came away with points on all four of its full possessions (three TDs and a FG). Cincinnati was effective in the air and on the ground. QB Joe Burrow tossed three TDs on the afternoon and posted a 115.7 passer rating, while HB Joe Mixon racked up 153 total yards, including a 40-yard receiving TD that featured a massive downfield block from rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase to lead him into the end zone. Cincinnati improved to 4-2, while Detroit fell to 0-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 3, 10, 14, -, 34. Detroit: 0, 0, 0, 11, -, 11.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like C.Evans 24 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-8:26, Cin. - E.McPherson 38 field goal 2-0:00, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 50,831. Time: 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CIN. and DET. stats like First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, DET., ATT, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN. 36, 142, 18, 0; DET. 18, 36, 9, 1.

PASSING table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, DET., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Totals: CIN. 42, 28, 202, 0-1; DET. 42, 28, 202, 0-1.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, DET., NO, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN. 28, 202, 33, 0; DET. 28, 202, 33, 0.

DEFENSE Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-2-7, L.Wilson 5-1-6, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, A.Davis-Gaither 5-0-5, J.Bachie 2-2-4, J.Bates 3-0-3, M.Hilton 3-0-3, D.Reader 3-0-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, W.Ray 1-2-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, B.Wilson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-10. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 1, J.Bachie 1, V.Bell 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Detroit (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Barnes 6-2-8, J.Reeves-Maybin 6-1-7, A.Anzalone 3-4-7, J.Jacobs 5-1-6, C.Harris 4-1-5, A.Parker 3-2-5, T.Walker 3-1-4, M.Brockers 2-2-4, J.Okwara 3-0-3, T.Flowers 2-1-3, A.Bryant 2-0-2, N.Williams 2-0-2, A.McNeill 1-1-2, A.Oruwariye 1-1-2, J.Penisis 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Bryant 1-12, J.Okwara 1-10. INT.-YDS.: A.Oruwariye 1-18. PD: D.Barnes 1, J.Jacobs 1, L.Onwuzurike 1, A.Oruwariye 1, T.Walker 1. FF: J.Jacobs 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 7, GAME 7
Cincinnati Bengals 41, Baltimore Ravens 17
Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 at M&T Bank Stadium

The visiting Bengals broke a five-game Ravens winning streak in dominating fashion, posting their largest-ever margin of victory (24) over Baltimore and scoring their most points against the Ravens in 16 years.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 3, 10, 14, 14, —, 41. Baltimore: 0, 10, 7, 0, —, 17.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and PTS. Includes plays like E.McPherson 52 field goal, J.Tucker 45 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,659. Time: 3:15.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and BALT. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and BALT. for player stats like J.Mixon, S.Perine, J.Burrow.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and BALT. for player stats like J.Burrow.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and BALT. for player stats like J.Chase, T.Higgins, T.Boyd.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 4-3-7, L.Ogunjobi 5-1-6, L.Wilson 4-2-6, V.Bell 5-0-5, C.Awuzie 4-1-5, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, A.Davis-Gaither 2-3-5, G.Pratt 3-0-3, J.Bachie 0-3-3, M.Hilton 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, M.Bailey 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, B.Hill 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 2.5-5.5, L.Ogunjobi 1.5-5.5, T.Hendrickson 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Awuzie 1, J.Davis 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, S.Hubbard 1, D.Phillips 1. FF: A.Davis-Gaither. FR-YDS.: None.

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Averett 7-0-7, M.Humphrey 4-3-7, J.Bynes 5-1-6, T.Bowser 2-4-6, C.Campbell 2-3-5, J.Madubuike 1-3-4, T.Young 2-0-2, C.Clark 1-1-2, D.Elliott 1-1-2, J.Houston 1-1-2, P.McPhee 1-1-2, P.Queen 1-1-2, J.Ellis 0-2-2, M.Harrison 1-0-1, O.Oweh 1-0-1, J.Smith 1-0-1, B.Stephens 1-0-1, C.Board 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Bowser 0.5-3.5, C.Campbell 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Humphrey 1-0. PD: A.Averett 3, M.Humphrey 1, B.Williams 1, T.Young 1. FF: M.Humphrey 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 8, GAME 8

N.Y. Jets 34, Cincinnati Bengals 31
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 at MetLife Stadium

Jets QB Mike White, an injury replacement, completed 82 percent of his passes for the second-most yards (405) ever by a QB in his first career start to lead the upset over the Bengals, who entered as double-digit favorites.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 17, 7, 7, —, 31. N.Y. Jets: 7, 7, 3, 17, —, 34.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and PTS. Includes plays like Mi.Carter 8 run, J.Mixon 1 run, J.Chase 2 pass, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Ammendola (54WL). Attendance: 67,503. Time: 3:18.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and NYJ for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and NYJ for player stats like J.Mixon, J.Chase, J.Burrow.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and NYJ for player stats like J.Burrow, T.Boyd.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and NYJ for player stats like T.Boyd, T.Higgins, J.Mixon.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 10-2-12, V.Bell 5-4-9, J.Bates 6-2-8, C.Awuzie 7-0-7, G.Pratt 5-1-6, T.Hendrickson 3-3-6, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, L.Ogunjobi 3-2-5, E.Apple 3-1-4, D.Reader 3-0-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. INT.-YDS.: J.Bates 1-65, G.Pratt 1-4. PD: S.Hubbard 2, C.Awuzie 1, J.Bates 1, G.Pratt 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: V.Bell 1-0.

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Mosley 8-2-10, M.Maye 5-0-5, M.Carter II 2-2-4, B.Hall 2-2-4, S.Rankins 2-2-4, J.Davis 3-0-3, A.Davis 2-1-3, J.Zuniga 1-2-3, Q.Williams 2-0-2, B.Echols 1-1-2, F.Fatukasi 1-1-2, J.Guidry 1-1-2, Quincy.Williams 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: Quinnen.Williams 1-12, S.Rankins 1-8, J.Zuniga 1-8. INT.-YDS.: S.Lawson 1-1. PD: S.Lawson 2, M.Carter II 1, B.Echols 1, B.Hall 1, Quinnen.Williams 1, Quincy.Williams 1. FF: J.Zuniga 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 9, GAME 9

Cleveland Browns 41, Cincinnati Bengals 16
Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals committed three turnovers, forced none, and had several key drops in the passing game as Cleveland cruised to a comfortable win at Paul Brown Stadium. The first Bengals turnover was a 99-yard pick-six by Browns CB Denzel Ward on the game's opening possession, while the other two — an INT and a fumble — happened deep in their own end and led to Browns points. The Bengals' defense, which had excelled all season at preventing long plays, gave up a 60-yard TD catch and 70-yard TD run to Cleveland. Cincinnati also entered the game ranked seventh in rush defense, but allowed 9.8 yards per carry to Browns RB Nick Chubb. Forced to play from behind most of the game, Cincinnati went pass-heavy but never could find its footing. Bengals QB Joe Burrow was sacked five times, and his longest completion was just 20 yards. Cincinnati fell to 5-4, while Cleveland improved to 5-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for Cleveland and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and PTS. Lists plays like D.Ward 99 interception return and J.Mixon 11 run.

Missed FGs: C.McLaughlin (45WL). Attendance: 65,451. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists stats like First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists players like N.Chubb, D.Johnson, J.Landry and their stats.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists players like B.Mayfield and J.Burrow.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists players like J.Landry, D.Peoples-Jones, N.Chubb, etc.

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Walker 12-2-14, T.Hill 7-0-7, G.Newsome 5-0-5, S.Takitaki 3-2-5, M.McDowell 2-2-4, G.Delpit 3-0-3, J.Johnson 3-0-3, E.Lee 2-1-3, J.Elliott 0-3-3, I.Odenigbo 2-0-2, D.Ward 2-0-2, M.Garrett 1-1-2, M.Wilson 1-1-2, S.Day 0-2-2, R.Harrison 0-2-2, J.Clowney 1-0-1, A.Green 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hill 2-13, M.Garrett 1.5-6.5, A.Walker 1-5, S.Day 0.5-0.5. INT.-YDS.: D.Ward 1-99, J.Johnson 1-31. PD: G.Newsome 3, D.Ward 3, G.Delpit 1, A.Green 1, J.Johnson 1, M.Smith 1. FF: J.Johnson 1. FR.-YDS.: A.Green 1-16.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 2-4-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, G.Pratt 4-1-5, B.Hill 2-3-5, S.Hubbard 3-1-4, V.Bell 1-3-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, M.Hilton 2-0-2, L.Ogunjobi 1-1-2, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, D.Reader 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-7, S.Hubbard 1-3. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: M.Bailey 1. FF: L.Wilson 1. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 11, GAME 10

Cincinnati Bengals 32, Las Vegas Raiders 13
Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 at Allegiant Stadium

The Bengals started slow in their first-ever game in Las Vegas, but they scored 19 points in the final quarter to widen what for most of the game was a narrow lead. Cincinnati's defense forced two turnovers and held Las Vegas to just one-of-seven on third downs, while HB Joe Mixon scored two TDs — his third straight multi-TD game — and rushed for 97 yards in the second half as the Bengals wore out the Raiders late. The Raiders trimmed the Bengals' lead to three points early in the fourth quarter, but QB Joe Burrow led a 12-play, 62-yard TD drive that ate 6:39 of clock and re-extended Cincinnati's lead. Rookie K Evan McPherson made all four of his FG attempts, and tied an NFL record with three 50-plus yarders in a game (54, 53, 51). Cincinnati improved to 6-4, while Las Vegas dropped to 5-5.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for Cincinnati and Las Vegas.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and PTS. Lists plays like D.Carlson 26 field goal and E.McPherson 54 field goal.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 61,712. Time: 2:51.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists stats like First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists players like J.Mixon, T.Boyd, J.Burrow, etc.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists players like J.Burrow and D.Carr.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists players like T.Boyd, J.Chase, S.Perine, etc.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-1-6, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, L.Wilson 3-2-5, C.Awuzie 4-0-4, J.Bates 4-0-4, G.Pratt 3-1-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, D.Reader 0-3-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, M.Hilton 2-0-2, L.Ogunjobi 0-2-2, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-5, S.Hubbard 1-4. INT.-YDS.: E.Apple 1-0. PD: E.Apple 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-43.

Las Vegas (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Perryman 9-3-12, J.Abram 6-6-12, C.Littleton 3-6-9, B.Facynson 3-3-6, C.Nassib 4-0-4, C.Hayward 3-1-4, N.Hobbs 3-1-4, D.Leavitt 1-3-4, Y.Ngakoue 2-1-3, M.Crosby 1-2-3, Q.Jefferson 2-0-2, S.Thomas 2-0-2, K.Wright 2-0-2, J.Hankins 1-2-2, D.Square 1-1-2, C.Ferrell 1-0-1, T.Moehrig 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Thomas 1-10, Q.Jefferson 1-8, Y.Ngakoue 1-1. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Facynson 3, D.Perryman 2, T.Moehrig 1. FF: Y.Ngakoue 1. FR.-YDS.: D.Leavitt 1-30.

WEEK 12, GAME 11

Cincinnati Bengals 41, Pittsburgh Steelers 10 Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The 31-point victory margin was the Bengals' largest over the Steelers in 32 years. Bengals HB Joe Mixon rushed for a career-high 165 yards and two TDs, while QB Joe Burrow had a career-high 83.5 completion percentage. Mixon ran his streak of consecutive games with a TD to eight, including four straight with multiple TDs. Cincinnati scored on its first four possessions (three TDs, one FG), and when an INT ended that streak on the fifth drive, Bengals CB Mike Hilton — a former Steeler — returned an INT 24 yards for a TD on the first play of the following Steelers drive. Cincinnati's defense had three sacks and two INTs while holding Pittsburgh to 51 rushing yards. Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson ran his streak of consecutive games with a sack to seven, the longest in Bengals history. Cincinnati improved to 7-4, while Pittsburgh fell to 5-5-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and time. Lists plays like J.Burrow 8 run, E.McPherson 31 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,238. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns PITT. and CIN. Rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns PITT. and CIN. Rows for N.Harris, K.Ballage, B.Snell, A.McFarland, and TOTALS.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns PITT. and CIN. Rows for B.Roethlisberger and TOTALS.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns PITT. and CIN. Rows for D.Johnson, P.Freiermuth, C.Claypool, N.Harris, A.McFarland, Z.Gentry, K.Ballage, J.Washington, A.Miller, and TOTALS.

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 8-2-10, M.Fitzpatrick 5-4-9, C.Heyward 3-5-8, T.Edmunds 5-1-6, A.Maulet 3-3-6, A.Highsmith 3-2-5, D.Bush 2-3-5, J.Pierre 3-1-4, C.Sutton 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Charlton 1-1-2, T.Watt 1-1-2, H.Mondeaux 0-2-2, D.Tuszka 0-2-2, T.Norwood 1-0-1, R.Spillane 1-0-1, A.Witherspoon 1-0-1, I.Loudermilk 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Wormley 1-12, C.Heyward 1-6. INT.-YDS.: M.Fitzpatrick 1-18. PD: M.Fitzpatrick 1, I.Loudermilk 1, A.Witherspoon 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-0-6, M.Bailey 3-2-5, B.Hill 3-1-4, T.Flowers 2-2-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, V.Bell 3-0-3, D.Reader 2-1-3, E.Apple 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 2-0-2, M.J. Thomas 2-0-2, J.Bachie 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-1-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, L.Ogunjobi 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, J.Davis 0-1-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Hill 1-9, S.Hubbard 1-4, T.Hendrickson 1-0. INT.-YDS.: E.Apple 1-50, M.Hilton 1-24. PD: E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, M.Hilton 1, D.Phillips 1, M.J. Thomas 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-0.

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Los Angeles Chargers 41, Cincinnati Bengals 22 Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The visiting Chargers raced to a 24-0 lead early in the second quarter and looked to be on their way to an easy win, but Cincinnati scored twice before halftime to trim the lead to 24-13, and then got to within 24-22 midway through the third quarter. The comeback was led by Bengals QB Joe Burrow, who did not miss a play despite dislocating the pinky finger on his throwing hand in the first half. Cincinnati was down two points early in the fourth quarter and driving to take the lead when HB Joe Mixon fumbled for the first time in 328 rush attempts, resulting in a 61-yard scoop-and-score by Chargers CB Tevaughn Campbell. L.A. tacked on another TD, and then thwarted another Bengals comeback attempt by intercepting Burrow in the end zone — Cincinnati's fourth turnover of the day. Mixon ran his streak of consecutive games with a TD to nine, and DE Trey Hendrickson ran his streak of consecutive games with a sack to eight. The Chargers improved to 7-5, while the Bengals fell to 7-5.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for L.A. Chargers and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and time. Lists plays like K.Allen 4 pass, D.Hopkins 43 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 51,414. Time: 3:20.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns LAC and CIN. Rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns LAC and CIN. Rows for A.Ekeler, J.Jackson, J.Herbert, J.Guyton, and TOTALS.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns LAC and CIN. Rows for J.Herbert and TOTALS.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns LAC and CIN. Rows for M.Williams, A.Ekeler, K.Allen, J.Guyton, J.Cook, J.Jackson, D.Parham, and TOTALS.

DEFENSE

L.A. Chargers (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.White 7-3-10, D.Tranquill 6-4-10, D.James 3-4-7, N.Adderley 2-5-7, T.Campbell 4-2-6, C.Harris 4-0-4, C.Rumph 2-1-3, J.Jones 2-1-3, C.Covington 2-0-2, M.Davis 2-0-2, B.Fehoko 1-1-2, U.Nwosu 2-0-2, J.Bosa 1-0-1, N.Niemann 1-0-1, J.Tillery 1-0-1, K.Fackrell 0-1-1, J.Gaziano 0-1-1, T.Marshall 0-1-1, A.Ogbongbemiga 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: U.Nwosu 2-11, D.Tranquill 1-10, J.Jones 1-7, C.Rumph 1-5, N.Adderley 0.5-3.5, D.James 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Davis 1-0, C.Harris 1-0. PD: M.Davis 3, C.Harris 1, D.Tranquill 1. FF: C.Covington 1, U.Nwosu 1. FR.-YDS.: T.Campbell 1-61, U.Nwosu 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Bachie 6-3-9, M.Hilton 6-3-9, G.Pratt 3-6-9, J.Bates 4-2-6, V.Bell 2-4-6, B.Hill 1-4-5, S.Hubbard 1-4-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3-4, C.Awuzie 3-0-3, L.Wilson 1-2-3, E.Apple 1-1-2, L.Ogunjobi 1-1-2, V.Hargreaves 0-2-2, C.Sample 0-2-2, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-9, T.Hendrickson 1-6, V.Bell 0.5-6, C. Sample 0.5-6, B.Hill 0.5-3, S.Hubbard 0.5-3. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 2, E.Apple 1, M.Hilton 1. FF: M.Hilton 1, G.Pratt 1. FR.-YDS.: J.Bates 1-46, G.Pratt 1-0.

WEEK 14, GAME 13

San Francisco 49ers 26, Cincinnati Bengals 23 (OT)

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals fell behind 17-6 at halftime due to costly mistakes — two turnovers on muffed punts (49ers turned them into 10 points), a Ja'Marr Chase TD catch that was ruled a drop by replay review, and a taunting penalty after a third-down stop on defense that resulted in a 49ers TD on the next play. Cincinnati entered the fourth quarter trailing 20-6, but staged a dramatic comeback to tie at 20 and force OT. Burrow posted a 151.0 passer rating in the final period and tossed two TDs to Chase, and then San Francisco K Robbie Gould missed a potential game-winning FG from 47 yards at the end of regulation. In OT, Cincinnati's offense moved downfield quickly for a FG. On the next drive, the 49ers drove 75 yards on seven plays for a game-winning TD. Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson recorded a sack in his ninth straight game — tied for fourth-longest streak in NFL history — before leaving with a back injury. Chase's two receiving TDs gave him 10 for the season, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The Bengals fell to 7-6, while the 49ers improved to 7-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Francisco	3	14	3	0	6	26
Cincinnati.....	3	3	0	14	3	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
S.F. — R.Gould 33 field goal	1-6:37
Cin. — E.McPherson 37 field goal.....	1-0:31
S.F. — D.Samuel 27 run (R.Gould kick).....	2-12:05
Cin. — E.McPherson 28 field goal.....	2-1:42
S.F. — G.Kittle 14 pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick)	2-0:18
S.F. — R.Gould 24 field goal	3-7:43
Cin. — J.Chase 17 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-9:20
Cin. — J.Chase 32 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-1:19
Cin. — E.McPherson 41 field goal.....	5-6:15
S.F. — B.Aiyuk 12 pass from J.Garoppolo.....	5-1:53

Missed FGs: R.Gould (47WR), E.McPherson (46WL).

Attendance: 50,481. **Time:** 3:24.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.F.	CIN.
First downs.....	21	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-15	4-13
Total net yards.....	355	397
Net yards rushing.....	100	86
Net yards passing.....	255	311
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	41-27-0	34-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-41	5-37
Punts-average.....	7-41.6	4-43.3
Punt returns-yards.....	2-4	5-21
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-63	3-40
Penalties-yards.....	6-40	2-19
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	4-2
Time of possession.....	33:50	34:17

RUSHING

S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Wilson	13	56	12	0	J.Mixon	18	58	17	0
D.Samuel	8	37	27t	1	S.Perine	4	11	6	0
B.Aiyuk	1	4	4	0	T.Boyd	1	8	8	0
J.Garoppolo	1	3	3	0	J.Chase	1	6	6	0
					J.Burrow	2	3	4	0
TOTALS	23	100	27t	1	TOTALS	26	86	17	0

PASSING

S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Garoppolo	41	27	296	2-0	J.Burrow	34	25	348	2-0
TOTALS	41	27	296	2-0	TOTALS	34	25	348	2-0

RECEIVING

S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Kittle	13	151	21	1	T.Higgins	5	114	27	0
B.Aiyuk	6	62	21	1	J.Chase	5	77	32t	2
J.Jennings	3	46	25	0	C.Uzomah	4	56	23	0
J.Hasty	3	10	4	0	T.Boyd	4	55	29	0
D.Samuel	1	22	22	0	S.Perine	4	22	11	0
K.Juszczyk	1	5	5	0	J.Mixon	2	10	5	0
					D.Sample	1	14	14	0
TOTALS	27	296	25	2	TOTALS	25	348	32t	2

DEFENSE

San Francisco (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Al-Shaair 8-3-11, K.Williams 5-2-7, J.Tartt 3-4-7, F.Warner 1-6-7, A.Thomas 2-4-6, T.Hufanga 4-1-5, J.Ward 3-2-5, A.Armstead 3-1-4, D.Jones 2-2-4, N.Bosa 2-1-3, J.Norman 2-1-3, S.Ebukam 0-3-3, J.Willis 0-3-3, M.Harris 1-1-2, K.Givens 1-0-1, D.Lenoir 1-0-1, C.Omenihu 1-0-1, A.Key 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** N.Bosa 2-12, K.Williams 1-14, A.Al-Shaair 1-2, S.Ebukam 0.5-4.5, A.Key 0.5-4.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Al-Shaair 1, J.Norman 1, C.Omenihu 1, J.Ward 1. **FF:** S.Ebukam 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Bell 5-5-10, J.Bates 8-1-9, G.Pratt 4-5-9, C.Awuzie 4-2-6, J.Bachie 3-1-4, B.Hill 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 3-1-4, D.Reader 3-0-3, E.Apple 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, S.Hubbard 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 1-10, B.Hill 1-9, L.Ogunjobi 1-9, D.Reader 1-2, (team) 1-11. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Awuzie 2, V.Bell 2, E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, G.Pratt 1. **FF:** V.Bell 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

2021 REGULAR SEASON

3-4 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
4-2 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
4-1 when scoring first
3-5 when opponent scores first
2-4 in games decided by three points or fewer
2-4 in games decided by seven points or fewer
4-1 when leading after one quarter
2-2 when tied after one quarter
1-3 when trailing after one quarter
6-1 when leading at halftime
0-0 when tied at halftime
1-5 when trailing at halftime
6-1 when leading after three quarters
1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-5 when trailing after three quarters
7-4 when scoring 20 or more points
2-6 when opponent scores 20 or more points

5-6 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
3-1 on natural grass
4-5 on synthetic surface
4-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
1-2 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
3-6 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
6-5 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
3-5 when passing for 250 or more net yards
4-4 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
4-1 when passing for less than 250 net yards
3-2 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
4-1 with plus turnover differential
2-0 with even turnover differential
1-5 with minus turnover differential
5-4 with fewer penalties than opponent
5-3 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (2019-PRESENT)

8-15-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
5-16-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
8-12-0 when scoring first
5-19-1 when opponent scores first
2-10-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
3-16-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
9-9-0 when leading after one quarter
2-5-1 when tied after one quarter
2-17-0 when trailing after one quarter
10-9-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
2-21-1 when trailing at halftime
11-6-1 when leading after three quarters
2-1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-24-0 when trailing after three quarters
13-10-1 when scoring 20 or more points
6-26-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

11-31-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
3-12-1 on natural grass
10-19-0 on synthetic surface
7-6-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
3-17-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
5-25-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
10-14-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
5-15-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
6-13-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
8-16-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
7-18-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
8-3-1 with plus turnover differential
4-7-0 with even turnover differential
1-21-0 with minus turnover differential
9-19-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
10-18-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

165 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
127 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
123 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

30 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas
29 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
28 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh

LONGEST RUSHES

46 — Samaje Perine, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
32 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

RECEPTIONS

9 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
9 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers
8 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore

RECEIVING YARDS

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
138 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers

PASSING YARDS

416 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
348 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
348 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco

PASS ATTEMPTS

40 — Joe Burrow, Nov. 7 vs. Cleveland
40 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers
38 — (two times)

PASS COMPLETIONS

28 — Joe Burrow, Nov. 7 vs. Cleveland
26 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
25 — (two times)

LONGEST PASSES

82 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
70 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay (TD)
55 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
163 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

44 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
32 — Darius Phillips, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas
30 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

17 — Darius Phillips, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
16 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
15 — (four times)

TOTAL TACKLES*

14 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
12 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets
10 — (two times)

SOLO TACKLES*

10 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets
8 — (three times)

*NOTE: The defensive statistics above are press box statistics produced at the games.

2021 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	366	36-149	217	20-27	2/0	5-44	20	3-14	0-0	34:51
Sept. 19	at Chicago	248	20-69	179	19-30	2/3	5-28	14	6-13	1-1	28:39
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	268	24-96	172	14-18	3/1	0-0	12	3-9	0-0	24:38
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	420	22-78	342	25-32	2/0	1-6	21	5-9	0-0	31:15
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	367	24-103	264	26-38	2/2	3-17	18	5-14	0-0	34:06
Oct. 17	at Detroit	398	36-142	256	20-30	4/1	2-22	20	8-15	1-0	35:52
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	520	24-111	409	23-38	3/1	1-7	19	4-13	1-0	28:11
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	318	16-41	277	22-35	3/1	3-28	18	4-10	1-0	23:40
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	348	23-85	263	29-42	0/2	5-25	25	3-11	4-1	35:22
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	288	38-159	129	20-29	1/0	3-19	23	8-16	3-1	37:20
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	370	38-198	172	20-25	1/1	2-18	25	5-11	0-0	35:20
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	356	25-96	260	24-40	1/2	6-40	21	6-12	2-2	31:14
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	397	26-86	311	25-34	2/0	5-37	22	4-13	4-2	34:17
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		4664	352-1413	3251	287-418	26/14	41-291	258	64-160	17-7	30:52

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	403	22-67	336	37-50	2/0	3-26	24	6-16	1-1	35:09
Sept. 19	at Chicago	206	34-123	83	15-24	1/1	3-33	16	6-15	1-0	31:21
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	342	15-45	297	38-58	1/2	4-21	21	9-19	1-0	35:22
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	341	30-139	202	17-24	0/0	1-2	21	6-12	1-0	28:45
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	466	22-133	333	27-39	2/1	2-11	21	4-11	0-0	33:59
Oct. 17	at Detroit	228	18-36	192	28-42	0/1	1-10	15	5-14	0-0	24:08
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	393	24-115	278	20-42	1/0	5-18	20	5-16	1-0	31:49
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	511	27-97	414	39-49	3/2	2-8	32	6-11	1-1	36:20
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	361	23-153	208	14-21	2/0	2-10	14	3-9	2-0	24:38
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	278	18-72	206	19-27	1/1	2-9	13	1-7	2-1	22:40
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	301	15-51	250	24-41	1/2	3-13	16	7-13	2-1	24:40
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	363	22-79	284	26-35	3/1	4-33	18	4-13	2-2	28:46
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	355	23-100	255	27-41	2/0	5-41	21	5-15	2-0	33:50
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		4548	293-1210	3338	331-493	19/11	37-235	252	67-171	16-6	29:08

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 7-21-20 THROUGH 6-2-21 ARE IN BENGALS' 2021 MEDIA GUIDE.)

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| <p>Aug. 2, 2021 — Signed WR Ja'Marr Chase (D1) and DE Joseph Ossai (D3); Placed LS Dan Godsil on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>July 22, 2021 — Acquired C Lamont Gaillard on waivers from Arizona.</p> <p>July 26, 2021 — Signed DE Sam Hubbard* to a contract extension; Signed WR Reece Horn (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2021 — Signed OT Gunnar Vogel (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 16, 2021 — Waived WR Reece Horn, WR Riley Lees and TE Pro Wells.</p> <p>Aug. 22, 2021 — Signed DE Noah Spence (FA); Terminated the contract of S Kavon Frazier; Waived DE Freedom Akinmoladun, QB Eric Dungey, C Lamont Gaillard and TE Cheyenne O'Grady.</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2021 — Waived (injured) CB Donnie Lewis Jr..</p> <p>Aug. 24, 2021 — CB Donnie Lewis Jr. cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2021 — Acquired DT B.J. Hill in a trade with the N.Y. Giants for C Billy Price.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2021 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list: OT Hakeem Adeniji and DE Wyatt Hubert; Placed DE Joseph Ossai on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: DT Mike Daniels, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence and WR Trent Taylor; Waived the following 20 players: LB Joe Bachie, DE Amani Bledsoe, CB Tony Brown, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, G Michael Jordan, DT Kahlil McKenzie, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Antonio Phillips, CB Winston Rose, K Austin Seibert, QB Kyle Shurmur, G Keaton Sutherland, OT Gunnar Vogel, WR Scotty Washington, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2021 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: DE Wyatt Ray (from Tennessee) and CB Nick McCloud (from Buffalo); Terminated the contract of WR Mike Thomas; Waived WR Trenton Irwin; Signed the following 15 players to the Practice Squad: LB Joe Bachie, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Tony Brown, CB Winston Rose, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence, G Keaton Sutherland, WR Trent Taylor, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2021 — Re-signed WR Mike Thomas; Placed DE Khalid Kareem on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2021 — Signed DT Mike Daniels to the Practice Squad; Released CB Winston Rose from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2021 — Signed QB Jake Browning (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P Drue Chrisman from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 14, 2021 — Waived CB Donnie Lewis from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin off the Practice Squad; Placed S Ricardo Allen on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed S Sean Davis (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2021 — Elevated S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 20, 2021 — S Sean Davis reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster; Placed G Keaton Sutherland (practice squad) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Sept. 21, 2021 — Signed C Lamont Gaillard to the practice squad; HB Jacques Patrick signed off practice squad by San Francisco.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2021 — Elevated S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 27, 2021 — S Sean Davis reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2021 — Elevated S Trayvon Henderson to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation); Placed TE Thaddeus Moss on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 1, 2021 — Returned G Keaton Sutherland to the Practice Squad from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; S Trayvon Henderson reverted</p> | <p>to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 5, 2021 — Signed P Drue Chrisman (FA) and S Michael Thomas (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released CB Tony Brown and S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 6, 2021 — Announced that S Ricardo Allen was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 9, 2021 — Returned S Ricardo Allen (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Placed G Xavier Su'a-Filo on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 11, 2021 — Placed LB Jordan Evans on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed G Jackson Carman and HB Samaje Perine on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2021 — Placed CB Trae Waynes on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB Holton Hill (FA) and HB Elijah Holyfield (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P Drue Chrisman from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2021 — Announced that DE Khalid Kareem was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 14, 2021 — Acquired CB Tre Flowers on waivers from Seattle.</p> <p>Oct. 15, 2021 — Returned G Jackson Carman to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2021 — Placed G D'Ante Smith on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated LB Joe Bachie to the active roster from the Practice Squad (COVID-19 elevation); Elevated HB Trayveon Williams to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 18, 2021 — LB Joe Bachie and HB Trayveon Williams reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 20, 2021 — Announced that OT Hakeem Adeniji (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 21, 2021 — Returned HB Samaje Perine to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 23, 2021 — Elevated LB Joe Bachie from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 25, 2021 — LB Joe Bachie reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 26, 2021 — Signed LB Joe Bachie off the Practice Squad; Returned TE Thaddeus Moss (Practice Squad/Injured) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 30, 2021 — Returned DE Khalid Kareem (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Elevated HB Trayveon Williams from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Nov. 1, 2021 — HB Trayveon Williams reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Nov. 4, 2021 — Returned OT Hakeem Adeniji (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Acquired CB Vernon Hargreaves III on waivers from Houston; Waived DE Darius Hodge and CB Nick McCloud.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2021 — Acquired LB Clay Johnston on waivers from Carolina; Placed LB Markus Bailey on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed LB Akeem Davis-Gaither and S Brandon Wilson on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Nov. 10, 2021 — Placed CB Chidobe Awuzie on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 13, 2021 — Returned CB Chidobe Awuzie to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 15, 2021 — Signed S Michael J. Thomas off the Practice Squad; Placed TE Mitchell Wilcox on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Signed LB Austin Calitro (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2021 — Returned LB Markus Bailey to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 20, 2021 — Elevated TE Mason Schreck from the Practice Squad to the active roster (COVID-19 replacement).</p> <p>Nov. 22, 2021 — TE Mason Schreck reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Nov. 25, 2021 — Returned TE Mitchell Wilcox to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 27, 2021 — Elevated TE Thaddeus Moss from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> |
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(Transactions, continued)

Nov. 29, 2021 — TE **Thaddeus Moss** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.

Dec. 4, 2021 — Signed HB **Trayveon Williams** from the Practice Squad; Placed WR **Auden Tate** on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated G **Keaton Sutherland** and WR **Pooka Williams** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).

Dec. 6, 2021 — G **Keaton Sutherland** and WR **Pooka Williams** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.

Dec. 8, 2021 — Announced that G **D'Ante Smith** and CB **Trae Waynes** were designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.

Dec. 11, 2021 — Elevated LB **Austin Calitro** and LB **Keandre Jones** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).

Dec. 13, 2021 — Placed LB **Clay Johnston** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; LB **Austin Calitro** and LB **Keandre Jones** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.

* *NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.*

2021 PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

P — played as a substitute	RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list	RF — reserve/future list
DNP — did not play	RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list	PSI — practice squad/injured list
IL — inactive list	RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list	* — eligible to practice while on a reserve list
PS — practice squad	RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list	^ — reserve/injured player designated for return
NWT — not with team	RSBT — reserve/suspended by team list	+ — designated practice squad protected player
REX — roster exemption	ROO — reserve/opt-out	= — standard elevation from practice squad
RI — reserve/injured list	RC19 — reserve/COVID-19 list	< — COVID-19 replacement from practice squad

NAME	Cin. 1 G-S MINN.	2 @Chi.	3 @Pitt.	4 JAX.	5 G.B.	6 @Det.	7 @Balt.	8 @NYJ	9 CLE.	10 @L.V.	11 PITT.	12 LAC	13 S.F.	14 @Den.	15 BALT.	16 K.C.	17 @Cle.
Adeniji, Hakeem.....	5-5.....RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI*	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG				
Allen, Brandon.....	4-0.....DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	P	DNP	P	DNP	P	DNP	DNP				
Allen, Ricardo.....	10-0.....P	RI	RI	RI	P^	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Apple, Eli.....	13-12.....CB	CB	CB	CB	P	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB				
Awuzie, Chidobe.....	12-12.....CB	CB	CB	IL	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB				
Bachie, Joe.....	8-1.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P<	P+=	P	P	P	P	P	P				LB
Bailey, Markus.....	12-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				IL
Bates, Jessie, III.....	12-12.....S	S	S	IL	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S				S
Bell, Vonn.....	13-13.....S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S				S
Boyd, Tyler.....	13-7.....P	WR	WR	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	P	P	P	WR	WR				P
Brown, Tony.....	0-0.....PS+	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
Browning, Jake.....	0-0.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Burrow, Joe.....	13-13.....QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB				QB
Calitro, Austin.....	1-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS+	PS+	PS	P+=				
Carman, Jackson.....	13-5.....P	P	RG	RG	RG	P	RG	RG	P	P	P	P	P				P
Chase, Ja'Marr.....	13-13.....WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR				WR
Chrisman, Drue.....	0-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
Daniels, Mike.....	0-0.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Davis, Jalen.....	13-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Davis, Sean.....	2-0.....NWT	P=	P+=	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
Davis-Gaither, Akeem.....	9-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI
Evans, Chris.....	10-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	IL	IL				IL
Evans, Jordan.....	5-0.....P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI
Flowers, Tre.....	7-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Gaillard, Lamont.....	0-0.....NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Hargreaves, Vernon, III.....	2-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	IL	IL	P	P				P
Harris, Clark.....	13-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Henderson, Trayvon.....	1-0.....PS	PS+	PS+	P=	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Hendrickson, Trey.....	13-11.....RDE	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE				RDE
Higgins, Tee.....	11-11.....WR	WR	IL	IL	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR				WR
Hill, B.J.....	13-2.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	2ndDT	P	2ndDT				
Hill, Holton.....	0-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Hill, Trey.....	11-2.....DNP	DNP	P	P	P	RG	P	P	P	P	P	C	P				P
Hilton, Mike.....	13-6.....NCB	NCB	NCB	P	P	P	P	P	P	NCB	NCB	NCB	P				P
Hodge, Darius.....	4-0.....P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
Holyfield, Elijah.....	0-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Hopkins, Trey.....	12-12.....C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	IL	C				C
Hubbard, Sam.....	13-13.....LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE				LDE
Huber, Kevin.....	13-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Hubert, Wyatt.....	0-0.....RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI				RNFI
Irwin, Trenton.....	6-0.....PS	IL	P	P	P	P	DNP	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	P				IL
Johnson, Fred.....	2-0.....IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	DNP	IL	IL	IL	DNP	IL				IL
Johnston, Clay.....	4-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	P	P	P				P
Jones, Keandre.....	1-0.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				P=
Kareem, Khalid.....	4-0.....RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI^A	RI^A	P	P	P	P	IL	IL				IL
Lewis, Donnie, Jr.....	0-0.....RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
McCloud, Nick.....	2-0.....IL	IL	IL	P	IL	P	IL	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
McPherson, Evan.....	13-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Mixon, Joe.....	13-13.....HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				HB
Morgan, Stanley.....	13-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Moss, Thaddeus.....	0-0.....PS	PS	PS	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI	PS	PS	PS	DNP=	PS	PS				PS
Ogunjobi, Larry.....	13-13.....DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT				DT
Ossai, Joseph.....	0-0.....RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI
Patrick, Jacques.....	0-0.....PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				NWT
Perine, Samajie.....	12-0.....P	P	P	P	P	RC19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Phillips, Darius.....	12-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL				P
Pratt, Germaine.....	13-13.....LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB				LB
Prince, Isaiah.....	12-1.....P	DNP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ROT	P				P
Ray, Wyatt.....	12-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P				P
Reader, D.J.....	13-13.....NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT				NT
Reiff, Riley.....	12-12.....ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT				ROT
Sample, Cam.....	12-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P				P
Sample, Drew.....	13-7.....2ndTE	P	2ndTE	P	P	2ndTE	P	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	P	2ndTE				2ndTE
Schreck, Mason.....	1-0.....PS+	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS+	PS	P<	PS	PS	PS				PS
Shelvin, Tyler.....	1-0.....IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL				IL
Smith, D'Ante.....	1-0.....IL	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI^A
Spain, Quinton.....	13-13.....LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG				LG
Spence, Noah.....	0-0.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Su'a-Filo, Xavier.....	2-2.....RG	RG	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI
Sutherland, Keaton.....	0-0.....PS+	PS+	RC19	RC19	PS	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS	PS+	DNP+=	PS+				PS+
Tate, Auden.....	7-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI				RI
Taylor, Trent.....	0-0.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				PS
Thomas, Michael J.....	4-0.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P				P
Thomas, Mike D.....	9-1.....P	P	WR	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	IL	P				P
Tupou, Josh.....	13-7.....P	2ndDT	P	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	P	P	P	P				P
Uzomah, C.J.....	13-13.....TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE				TE
Waynes, Trae.....	2-2.....IL	IL	IL	CB	CB	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI^A
Wilcox, Mitchell.....	11-0.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RC19	IL	P	P				P
Williams, Jonah.....	13-13.....LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT				LOT
Williams, Pooka, Jr.....	1-0.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P+=	PS+				PS+
Williams, Trayveon.....	4-0.....PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS+	P+=	PS+	P+=	PS+	PS+	PS+	P+	P				P
Wilson, Brandon.....	9-1.....P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI				RI
Wilson, Logan.....	12-12.....LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB				LB
Wren, Renell.....	0-0.....PS+	PS+	PS+	PS	PS+	PS	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+				PS+

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 19	at Chicago	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Thomas	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 17	at Detroit	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	T.Hill	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Nov. 14	—BYE—											
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	Chase	Williams	Spain	T.Hill	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 19	at Denver											
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE											
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY											
Jan. 9	at Cleveland											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 19	at Chicago	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Tupou(2ndDT)	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Waynes	Apple	Bell	Wilson
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Waynes	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 17	at Detroit	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Nov. 14	—BYE—											
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	B.Hill(2nd DT)	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
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Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Bachie	Pratt	B.Hill(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
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DEPTH CHART

DEC. 14, 2021

OFFENSE

WR	1	<u>Ja'Marr Chase</u>		16	Trenton Irwin
LOT	73	Jonah Williams		74	Fred Johnson
LG	67	Quinton Spain		<u>79</u>	<u>Jackson Carman</u>
C	66	Trey Hopkins		<u>63</u>	<u>Trey Hill</u>
RG	77	Hakeem Adeniji		<u>79</u>	<u>Jackson Carman</u>
ROT	71	Riley Reiff		75	Isaiah Prince
TE	87	C.J. Uzomah		89	Drew Sample
WR	83	Tyler Boyd		17	Stanley Morgan
WR	85	Tee Higgins		80	Mike D. Thomas
QB	9	Joe Burrow		8	Brandon Allen
HB	28	Joe Mixon		34	Samaje Perine
				<u>25</u>	<u>Chris Evans</u>
				<u>32</u>	<u>Trayveon Williams</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Sam Hubbard		<u>96</u>	<u>Cam Sample</u>
NT	98	D.J. Reader		68	Josh Tupou
DT	65	Larry Ogunjobi		92	B.J. Hill
RDE	91	Trey Hendrickson		90	Khalid Kareem
LB	55	Logan Wilson		49	Joe Bachie
LB	57	Germaine Pratt		51	Markus Bailey
NCB	21	Mike Hilton		35	Jalen Davis
CB	20	Eli Apple		33	Tre Flowers
CB	22	Chidobe Awuzie		23	Darius Phillips
S	24	Vonn Bell		31	Michael J. Thomas
S	30	Jessie Bates III		37	Ricardo Allen
				93	Wyatt Ray
				<u>99</u>	<u>Tyler Shelvin</u>
				29	Vernon Hargreaves III
				29	Vernon Hargreaves III

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber			
K	<u>2</u>	<u>Evan McPherson</u>			
LS	46	Clark Harris			
H	10	Kevin Huber			
PR	23	Darius Phillips		16	Trenton Irwin
KOR	23	Darius Phillips		25	Chris Evans
				83	Tyler Boyd

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p>Hakeem Adeniji hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p>Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p>Chidobe Awuzie CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yeh</p> <p>Joe Bachie BAH-chee</p> <p>Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY</p> <p>Louie Cioffi (Defensive Quality Control Coach)..... CHO-fee</p> <p>Akeem Davis-Gaither (Reserve/Injured)..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p>Vernon Hargreaves III HAR-graves</p> <p>Trayvon Henderson (Practice Squad) TRAY-vahn</p> <p>Keandre Jones (Practice Squad)..... kee-AHN-dray</p> <p>Khalid Kareem..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p>Evan McPherson mick-FEAR-son</p> <p>Thaddeus Moss (Practice Squad) THA-dee-us</p>	<p>Larry Ogunjobi O-gunn-JO-bee</p> <p>Joseph Ossai (Reserve/Injured)..... o-SIGH</p> <p>Samaje Perine suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p>Riley Reiff REEF</p> <p>D'Ante Smith (Reserve/Injured; Designated for Return)..... dee-AHN-tay</p> <p>Xavier Su'a-Filo (Reserve/Injured)..... ZAY-vyer SOO-uh-FEE-lo</p> <p>Josh Tupou TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. Uzomah yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p>Trae Waynes (Reserve/Injured; Designated for Return) TRAY</p> <p>Pooka Williams Jr. (Practice Squad)..... POO-kah</p> <p>Trayveon Williams TRAY-vee-ahn</p> <p>Renell Wren (Practice Squad) reh-NELL RENN</p>
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

DEC. 14, 2021

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem.....	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas.....	D6'20
8	Allen, Brandon.....	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.....	FA'20
37	Allen, Ricardo.....	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.....	FA'21
20	Apple, Eli.....	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.....	FA'21
22	Awuzie, Chidobe.....	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.....	UFA(Dall.)'21
49	Bachie, Joe.....	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio.....	W(Phil.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus.....	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio.....	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III.....	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn.....	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.....	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler.....	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.....	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe.....	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio.....	D1'20
79	Carman, Jackson.....	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio.....	D2'21
1	Chase, Ja'Marr.....	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.....	D1'21
35	Davis, Jalen.....	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.....	FA'20
25	Evans, Chris.....	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.....	D6b'21
33	Flowers, Tre.....	CB	6-3	203	6-2-95	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas.....	W(Sea.)'21
29	Hargreaves, Vernon, III.....	CB	5-10	204	6-3-95	6	Florida	Tampa, Fla.....	W(Hou.)'21
46	Harris, Clark.....	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.....	FA'09
91	Hendrickson, Trey.....	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.....	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee.....	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.....	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.....	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.....	T(NYG)'21
63	Hill, Trey.....	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.....	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike.....	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.....	UFA(Pitt.)'21
66	Hopkins, Trey.....	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas.....	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam.....	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin.....	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	D5'09
16	Irwin, Trenton.....	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.....	FA'19
74	Johnson, Fred.....	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.....	W(Pitt.)'19
90	Kareem, Khalid.....	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.....	D5'20
2	McPherson, Evan.....	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.....	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe.....	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.....	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley.....	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.....	CFA'19
65	Ogunjobi, Larry.....	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.....	UFA(Cle.)'21
34	Perine, Samaje.....	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas.....	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius.....	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.....	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine.....	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.....	D3'19
75	Prince, Isaiah.....	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.....	W(Mia.)'19
93	Ray, Wyatt.....	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.....	W(Tenn.)'21
98	Reader, D.J.....	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.....	UFA(Hou.)'20
71	Reiff, Riley.....	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.....	FA'21
96	Sample, Cam.....	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.....	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew.....	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.....	D2'19
99	Shelvin, Tyler.....	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.....	D4b'21
67	Spain, Quinton.....	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.....	FA'20
31	Thomas, Michael J.....	S	5-11	195	3-17-90	8	Stanford	Houston, Texas.....	FA'21
80	Thomas, Mike D.....	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.....	UFA(LARams)'20
68	Tupou, Josh.....	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.....	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.....	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.....	D5'15
84	Wilcox, Mitchell.....	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.....	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah.....	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.....	D1'19
32	Williams, Trayveon.....	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas.....	D6a'19
55	Wilson, Logan.....	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming.....	D3'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)

6	Browning, Jake (9-7-21).....	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.....	FA'21
48	Calitro, Austin (11-15-21).....	LB	6-0	240	1-10-94	4	Villanova	Orlando, Fla.....	FA'21
76	Daniels, Mike (9-6-21).....	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.....	FA'20
61	Gaillard, Lamont (9-21-21).....	C	6-3	305	2-8-96	3	Georgia	Fayetteville, N.C.....	FA'21
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-21).....	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.....	CFA'18
27	Hill, Holton (10-12-21).....	CB	6-2	196	3-28-97	4	Texas	Houston, Texas.....	FA'21
36	Holyfield, Elijah (10-12-21).....	HB	5-10	215	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.....	FA'21
47	Jones, Keandre (9-1-21).....	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.....	FA'20
81	Moss, Thaddeus (10-26-21).....	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.....	W(Wash.)'21
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-21).....	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio.....	D7'17
52	Spence, Noah (9-1-21).....	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.....	FA'21
64	Sutherland, Keaton (9-2-21).....	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas.....	FA'20
11	Taylor, Trent (9-1-21).....	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.....	FA'21
12	Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21).....	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.....	CFA'21
95	Wren, Renell (9-1-21).....	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.....	D4b'19

RESERVE/COVID-19 (date assigned to RC19)

44	Johnston, Clay (12-13-21).....	LB	6-1	232	8-8-96	2	Baylor	Abilene, Texas.....	W(Car.)'21
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RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RNFI; injury)

56	Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral).....	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.....	D7'21
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem (11-9-21; foot).....	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.....	D4'20
50	Evans, Jordan (10-11-21; knee).....	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.....	D6a'17
58	Ossai, Joseph (8-31-21; knee).....	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria).....	D3'21
70	= Smith, D'Ante (10-16-21; knee).....	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.....	D4c'21
72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier (10-9-21; knee).....	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah.....	UFA(Dall.)'20
19	Tate, Auden (12-4-21; calf).....	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.....	D7c'18
26	= Waynes, Trae (10-12-21; hamstring).....	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.....	UFA(Minn.)'20
40	Wilson, Brandon (11-9-21; knee).....	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.....	D6b'17

COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH: Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Kragthorpe (assistant wide receivers), Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties), Ben Martin (assistant offensive line), Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks), Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator), Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator), Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning), Troy Walters (wide receivers). **STAFF:** Doug Rosfeld (director of coaching operations).

NOTE: An equals sign (=) indicates a player on a reserve list who is eligible to practice and eligible to return to the active roster in 2021.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

DEC. 14, 2021

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
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9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
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16	Trenton Irwin	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Vernon Hargreaves III	CB	5-10	204	6-3-95	6	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	W(Hou.)'21
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
31	Michael J. Thomas	S	5-11	195	3-17-90	8	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
33	Tre Flowers	CB	6-3	203	6-2-95	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
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46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
49	Joe Bachie	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
63	Trey Hill	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
65	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
66	Trey Hopkins	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
67	Quinton Spain	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
71	Riley Reiff	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
75	Isaiah Prince	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
77	Hakeem Adeniji	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike D. Thomas	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Belleuve, Wash.	D2'19
90	Khalid Kareem	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
92	B.J. Hill	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
93	Wyatt Ray	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Tyler Shelvin	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)

6	Jake Browning (9-7-21)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
11	Trent Taylor (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
12	Pooka Williams Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
27	Holton Hill (10-12-21)	CB	6-2	196	3-28-97	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'21
36	Elijah Holyfield (10-12-21)	HB	5-10	215	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
47	Keandre Jones (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
48	Austin Calitro (11-15-21)	LB	6-0	240	1-10-94	4	Villanova	Orlando, Fla.	FA'21
52	Noah Spence (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
61	Lamont Gaillard (9-21-21)	C	6-3	305	2-8-96	3	Georgia	Fayetteville, N.C.	FA'21
64	Keaton Sutherland (9-1-21)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
76	Mike Daniels (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
81	Thaddeus Moss (10-26-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
86	Mason Schreck (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
95	Renell Wren (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

RESERVE/COVID-19 (date assigned to RC19)

44	Clay Johnston (12-13-21)	LB	6-1	232	8-8-96	2	Baylor	Abilene, Texas	W(Car.)'21
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RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RNFI; injury)

56	Wyatt Hubert (8-31-21; pectoral)	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.	D7'21
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

19	Auden Tate (12-4-21; calf)	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
26	= Trae Waynes (10-12-21; hamstring)	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
40	Brandon Wilson (11-9-21; knee)	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
50	Jordan Evans (10-11-21; knee)	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
58	Joseph Ossai (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither (11-9-21; foot)	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
70	= D'Ante Smith (10-16-21; knee)	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo (10-9-21; knee)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20

COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH: Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Kragthorpe (assistant wide receivers), Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties), Ben Martin (assistant offensive line), Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks), Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator), Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator), Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning), Troy Walters (wide receivers). **STAFF:** Doug Rosfeld (director of coaching operations).

NOTE: An equals sign (=) indicates a player on a reserve list who is eligible to practice and eligible to return to the active roster in 2021.

2021 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

RECORD: 7-6

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-12-21	W	27-24 (OT)	MINNESOTA	56,525
9-19-21	L	17-20	at Chicago	60,840
9-26-21	W	24-10	at Pittsburgh	58,076
9-30-21	W	24-21	JACKSONVILLE	63,198
10-10-21	L	22-25 (OT)	GREEN BAY	64,195
10-17-21	W	34-11	at Detroit	50,831
10-24-21	W	41-17	at Baltimore	70,659
10-31-21	L	31-34	at N.Y. Jets	67,503
11-7-21	L	16-41	CLEVELAND	65,451
11-14-21			—BYE—	
11-21-21	W	32-13	at Las Vegas	61,712
11-28-21	W	41-10	PITTSBURGH	63,238
12-5-21	L	22-41	L.A. CHARGERS	51,414
12-12-21	L	23-26 (OT)	SAN FRANCISCO	50,481
12-19-21			at Denver	
12-26-21			BALTIMORE	
1-2-22			KANSAS CITY	
1-9-22			at Cleveland	

TEAM STATISTICS

	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	258	252
Rushing	76	69
Passing	161	167
Penalty	21	16
3rd Down: Made-Att	64-160	67-171
3rd Down Pct.	40.0	39.2
4th Down: Made-Att	9-16	6-14
4th Down Pct.	56.3	42.9
POSSESSION AVG.	30:52	29:08
TOTAL NET YARDS	4684	4548
Avg. Per Game	358.8	349.8
Total Plays	811	823
Avg. Per Play	5.8	5.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	1413	1210
Avg. Per Game	108.7	93.1
Total Rushes	352	293
NET YARDS PASSING	3251	3338
Avg. Per Game	250.1	256.8
Sacked-Yards Lost	41-291	37-235
Gross Yards	3542	3573
Att.-Completions	418-287	493-331
Completion Pct.	68.7	67.1
Had Intercepted	14	11
PUNTS-AVG.	49-46.3	58-44.5
Net Punting Avg.	49-40.9	58-39.1
PENALTIES-YARDS	52-443	90-730
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	17-7	16-6
TOUCHDOWNS	42	33
Rushing	15	11
Passing	26	19
Returns	1	3

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	47	105	80	116	6	354
OPPONENTS	53	96	33	102	9	293

SCORING

	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	37-39	21-25	0	100
Joe Mixon	14	12	2	0	—	—	0	84
Ja'Marr Chase	10	0	10	0	—	—	0	60
C.J. Uzomah	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Tee Higgins	4	0	4	0	—	—	0	26
Tyler Boyd	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Joe Burrow	2	2	0	0	—	—	0	12
Samaje Perine	2	1	1	0	—	—	0	12
Chris Evans	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Mike Hilton	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Auden Tate	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	42	15	26	1	37-39	21-25	0	354
OPPONENTS	33	11	19	3	26-28	21-28	0	293

Two-point conversions: Tee Higgins 1. BENGALS 1-3 (0-2 R, 1-1 P), OPPONENTS 3-4 (0-0 R, 3-4 P).

Sacks-yards: Trey Hendrickson 12.5-82.5, Sam Hubbard 7.5-32, B.J. Hill 5.5-43, Larry Ogunjobi 5.5-37.5, D.J. Reader 2-10, Cam Sample 1.5-11, Logan Wilson 1-2, Vonn Bell 0.5-6, (team) 1-11. BENGALS 37-235, OPPONENTS 41-291.

Fumbles-lost: Joe Burrow 5-2, Darius Phillips 4-2, Ja'Marr Chase 2-1, Joe Mixon 2-1, Tee Higgins 1-1, Eli Apple 1-0, Tyler Boyd 1-0, Trey Hill 1-0. BENGALS 17-7, OPPONENTS 16-6.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	413	284	3483	68.8	8.43	25	6.1	14	3.4	82t	41-291	100.6
Brandon Allen	4	2	13	50.0	3.25	1	25.0	0	0.0	7t	0-0	96.9
Tyler Boyd	1	1	46	100.0	46.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	46	0-0	118.8
BENGALS	418	287	3542	68.7	8.47	26	6.2	14	3.3	82t	41-291	101.4
OPPONENTS	493	331	3573	67.1	7.25	19	3.9	11	2.2	60t	37-235	91.8

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	245	1036	4.2	32	12
Samaje Perine	50	212	4.2	46t	1
Joe Burrow	28	72	2.6	9	2
Chris Evans	9	41	4.6	13	0
Tyler Boyd	2	22	11.0	14	0
Ja'Marr Chase	7	21	3.0	10	0
Trayveon Williams	6	13	2.2	6	0
Brandon Allen	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
BENGALS	352	1413	4.0	46t	15
OPPONENTS	293	1210	4.1	70t	11

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	60	1035	17.3	82t	10
Tee Higgins	57	812	14.2	54	4
Tyler Boyd	55	611	11.1	33	2
C.J. Uzomah	37	407	11.0	55t	5
Joe Mixon	28	202	7.2	46	2
Samaje Perine	22	167	7.6	23	1
Chris Evans	11	127	11.5	24t	1
Drew Sample	7	62	8.9	19	0
Mike D. Thomas	5	52	10.4	19	0
Auden Tate	3	39	13.0	18	1
Trenton Irwin	1	25	25.0	25	0
Stanley Morgan	1	3	3.0	3	0
BENGALS	287	3542	12.3	82t	26
OPPONENTS	331	3573	10.8	60t	19

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Logan Wilson	4	31	7.8	18	0
Eli Apple	2	50	25.0	50	0
Chidobe Awuzie	2	42	21.0	42	0
Jessie Bates III	1	65	65.0	65	0
Mike Hilton	1	24	24.0	24t	1
Germaine Pratt	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	11	216	19.6	65	1
OPPONENTS	14	257	18.4	99t	2

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	49	2267	46.3	40.9	5	18	61	0
BENGALS	49	2267	46.3	40.9	5	18	61	0
OPPONENTS	58	2579	44.5	39.1	5	17	64	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	25	12	177	7.1	17	0
Trenton Irwin	3	4	31	10.3	15	0
Tyler Boyd	1	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	29	17	209	7.2	17	0
OPPONENTS	20	13	165	8.3	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Wilson	13	291	22.4	44	0
Darius Phillips	8	169	21.1	32	0
Pooka Williams	3	52	17.3	25	0
Stanley Morgan	2	22	11.0	18	0
Germaine Pratt	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	27	536	19.9	44	0
OPPONENTS	26	586	22.5	48	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Evan McPherson	0-0	3-3	6-6	5-8	7-8
BENGALS	0-0	3-3	6-6	5-8	7-8
OPPONENTS	0-0	10-10	2-3	8-12	1-3

Evan McPherson: (53G, 33G), (53G), (43G), (43WL, 35G), (57RU, 49WL), (38G, 40G), (52G, 30G), (21G), (27G), (54G, 53G, 51G, 47G), (31G, 51G), (48G), (37G, 28G, 46WL, 41G).

Opponents: (53G), (28G, 22G), (42WL, 26G), (—), (44G, 44G, 22G, 36WL, 51WL, 40WL, 49G), (35G), (45G), (54WL, 24G, 24G), (28G, 24G, 45WL), (26G, 47G), (40G), (43G, 43G), (33G, 24G, 47WR).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Logan Wilson	50	40	90	1-2	4-31	4	1	0-0
Vonn Bell	54	27	81	0.5-6	0-0	5	3	1-0
Jessie Bates III	57	17	74	0-0	1-65	3	0	1-46
Germaine Pratt	41	26	67	0-0	1-4	2	2	2-0
Sam Hubbard	30	24	54	7.5-32	0-0	3	0	2-43
Mike Hilton	35	14	49	0-0	1-24	3	1	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	41	6	47	0-0	2-42	12	0	0-0
Larry Ogunjobi	25	16	41	5.5-37.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Eli Apple	32	8	40	0-0	2-50	7	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	21	16	37	5.5-43	0-0	0	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	18	19	37	2-10	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	18	11	29	12.5-82.5	0-0	0	3	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	19	7	26	0-0	0-0	3	1	0-0
Joe Bachie	12	10	22	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Cam Sample	9	5	14	1.5-11	0-0	0	0	0-0
Wyatt Ray	2	9	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ricardo Allen	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	3	7	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	6	3	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Tre Flowers	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trae Waynes	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jalen Davis	0	5	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Wilson	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael J. Thomas	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Vernon Hargreaves III	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Khalid Kareem	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
(team)	—	—	—	1-11	—	—	—	—

SPECIAL TEAMS*

ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Stanley Morgan	5	2	7	0	0-0	0	0
Chris Evans	4	0	4	0	0-0	0	0
Tre Flowers	3	1	4	0	0-0	0	0
Michael J. Thomas	1	3	4	0	0-0	0	0
Samaje Perine	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0
Ricardo Allen	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0
Clay Johnston	2	1	3	1	0-0	0	0
Germaine Pratt	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0
Jalen Davis	2	0	2	1	0-0	0	0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0
Logan Wilson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0
Joe Bachie	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0
Mike D. Thomas	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0
Trayveon Williams	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0
Markus Bailey	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0
Jordan Evans	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0
Darius Phillips	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0
Drew Sample	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0
Mitchell Wilcox	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0
Austin Calitro	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0
Clark Harris	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0
Wyatt Ray	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0

* NOTE: All defensive statistics above are press box statistics produced at the games.